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Introduction

All praise belongs to Allah alone, and blessings and peace be upon the final Prophet:

The contents of this booklet are glad tidings to the oppressed people of the occupied territories particularly, and to all Muslims in general. However, it was not written to give them glad tidings, the Qur'an and the Sunna are sufficient for that purpose. Any other source has limits to its reliability and therefore cannot be the basis of Muslim belief, in contrast to what is supposed by some Christians, Jews and Muslims. No, this booklet was written only to outline terms for engagement with the theoretical foundations of Zionism in its two facets: Jewish Zionism and Christian Zionism, the enemy which has distracted the world, and filled the airwaves as well as books with talk of Biblical Prophecy –especially since the latest *intifadha*.¹

The study of prophecy is one of the subjects of futurist studies, except that prophecy contains that which is authentic and that which is not. The reader deserves to hear the final verdict on this all-important subject, and the Muslim reader especially deserves to have the reserves called out for this long, vicious battle. The reserves in this case being the topical study of the doctrinal foundations of the enemy's psyche and behavior from his own sources which are the spiritual foundation of his faith in his cause.

When doing this we are not in actuality producing anything new, but are only following the example of the Qur'anic methodology that teaches us to go back to the scriptural sources in order to prove our case and compel the falsifier:

“Say, ‘bring forth the Torah and read it if you are truthful’”

¹ The Palestinian uprising of Rajab, 1421/ October, 2000 which began at al-Aqsa mosque, Jerusalem.

As we know they are knowingly concealing the truth and obscuring it with falsehood.

If the justness of the cause is the spiritual foundation of the fighter, then the Torah does not merely prove that cause of the Zionist soldier is unjust, but that it is his duty to fight for the opposing side, and that the settler must understand that his coming to this land only serves to bring down the torment and wrath of Allah upon him. Thus, the least he can do is to depart, although we would love to see him rightly-guided to Allah's light and become our brother in Islam -which is the Faith of Abraham- and to share with us in the blessing of faith in all of Allah's scriptures and messengers without discriminating against any of them.

He should not delay his departure or his Islam until the day of wrath when he may lose the opportunity. It is my advice to every Jew in our occupied territories not to leave the Torah as the exclusive property of the Rabbis who receive free exclusion from the mandatory military service, while he must put his life on the line for it and them. I advise him to read it, but with his intelligence and awareness, not with the Rabbis glosses and interpretations, and he will discover the truth, which will soon be clearly seen by the whole world.

He should also understand that no matter what atrocities he commits against us, whether killing our children, or burning our crops, or corrupting our lives, we will only deal with him according to the law of Allah, not according to our desires. We want only for him, and for all mankind, to achieve Allah's pleasure and happiness in this life and the next.

The complete account and just sentence will only be given on the Day of Judgment before Allah Himself, who shall judge each of us according to the good or evil which we have done. At that time our claims will be to no avail:

“It is not according to your desires, nor the desires of the followers of the Bible. Whoever does evil will be requited for it, and he will find no supporter or helper besides Allah.”

This is a word of fairness to which we hold ourselves, and to which we hope our opponents will have the courage to hold themselves, or attempt to hold themselves.

-The Author

1. The Intifadha Of Rajab²

After a few years, short in the perspective of time, but long and heavy in the perspective of the night of subjugation and hopelessness, what has happened? Ears pound, eyes stare, breathlessly awaiting. At each sign of the latest news or event, the same questions are on every lip:

Where? Who? How many? Jews? Americans? An uprising here, martyrs there...

Scenes pass through the mind even faster than they do on the TV screens: the shredding of the pages of negotiations and their burning in the flames of anger and rage, the shameless shepherd of peace who punishes the sheep in his charge every time the wolf attacks them.

Slingshots of David manufactured by shackled hands, standing before rockets of Goliath. Military vehicles driven back by stones. A single man opposing hundreds of soldiers protected by the latest of American technology. Israeli brutality that shocks even her most loyal friends, disturbs her secret friends, and drives those who previously had wavered into the camp of her open enemies.

An unprecedented Muslim consensus that the only solution is *jihad*, these are the words of leaders, scholars, thinkers, strategists, populists, preachers, the illiterate masses, men, women, children...Everyone agrees with these words which no sooner enter the ear and settle into the depths of the heart, then new questions arise: how? From where? With whom? When? Will the rulers do this? Will the Americans do that?

A government-appointed scholar of the Azhar declares on the most widely-viewed satellite television channel that the only way to deal with the Jews is with the principle: "Slay them wherever you find them." The interviewer asks, "But Shaykh, do you mean actual killing?" (That is, "Do you understand what you are saying?"). "Does the Azhar agree with you?" And the answer is unequivocally: "Yes."

Tremendous anger everywhere, new terms of rejection, and new attempts at solution, what happened? Why?

² The seventh month in the Islamic calendar, two months before Ramadhan.

After a long, winding labyrinth of fruitless negotiations and content-less meetings, the term 'peace' as understood by the Jews has become all too clear. The new crisis was born between the triviality of the 'doves' and the violent opposition of the 'hawks,' when the other side was exposed like a lamb among wolves. (In Israel, or so we have been told since the time of Sadat, there are hawks and doves). Many of us believed this since we are accustomed to seeing opposing sides on different issues within every human community, whether family, tribe, or state. But in the entire world there are no stranger opposing sides than within the ranks of the Jews. You hear communiqués or read announcements and are unable to tell whether they come from the hawks or the doves unless you know the name of the speaker or his party. When you hear two Jewish leaders -one a politician, the other a Rabbi- threatening the Palestinians and refusing to cease Israeli expansion, your first thought is that they represent the hawks, but when you learn who they are they are assumed to be doves. And when you hear one of the hawks calling for the total annihilation of the Palestinian then you know that the dove only disagrees with him concerning method and timing.

Attendance at Madrid, Oslo, or Camp David II does not mean the attendees are doves. Whichever party happens to be in power at the time attends. Strange terms which have no equivalent in other countries. In Jewish logic those whom they call hawks and those whom they call doves, compete against each other in zealotry, excess, crookedness, and delay. They oppose each other, yet they are both the same. They are not two sides of the same coin; either party can be either side. Thus, Jews are Jews. There are no hawks or doves.

The single permanent factor, whether in war or peace, in government or in opposition, is the Jewish belief system and psyche, which has not lost its particular characteristics since ancient times. This is attested by the books of the Bible, which have been collected over many centuries (as we shall see).

Therefore, the dove's maneuver and delay in order to concede some issue or semi-issue, while the hawks debate and contend so that no concession is made. Between the insignificance of the concessions and the violence of the opposition this Jewish belief system and psyche was clearly exposed, and the crisis exploded.

Concession:

After a long and confused process of negotiations, mediation attempts, and procedural disputes, Barak agreed, or nearly agreed, to a strange project of dividing the al-Aqsa mosque complex which was, nevertheless, in harmony with the Jewish mind. The mosque complex was to be divided into three levels:

- 1) The mosque and its adjacent courts.
- 2) All that lies below the surface.
- 3) The air space above it.

Israel was to have total sovereignty on everything below the surface since they conjecture that it may contain the remains of the temple. They were also to have sovereignty over the airspace. Mentioning this was hardly necessary since Israel is the only of the two parties permitted to possess military aircraft of any kind. Thus, Arafat's Palestinian authority is limited to that which is between these two Israeli levels, and its authority is itself limited to a nominal, caretaker jurisdiction over the mosque and its environs. As a sort of symbolic gesture, the Palestinian authority was allowed to raise the Palestinian flag over this one small area of the Holy City.

Opposition:

The religious and political opposition immediately fell onto Barak, criticizing this minor concession. The groups supporting the rebuilding of the Temple (there are more than a dozen such groups) screamed their threats to kill Barak, and to destroy the Aqsa mosque, and the Palestinians. The crisis-nature of this situation was further enhanced by the fact that the negotiations took place near the day of fasting (the Day of Atonement), and near the day of remembrance of the destruction of the Temple by the Roman emperor Titus.³ The opposition seized on this fact to connect the criminal Titus with the traitor Barak, as one of the Rabbis said: "We do not mourn the destruction of the Temple two-thousand years ago, we mourn its destruction today."

The blood-thirsty former general Sharon (responsible for the infamous

³ In 70 C.E.

Sabra and Shatila massacres) then came to the rescue by his inauspicious visit to the Aqsa mosque, thus delaying or finishing off the project.

Sharon's visit was, without doubt, planned by, or with the knowledge of both the Israeli government, which sent along two thousand troops to guard him, and Arafat's Palestinian Authority, which pledged an explosive popular reaction, which they expected, but the extent of which he could never have known.

Since the Aqsa Mosque is dear to every Muslim, and since Jewish arrogance provokes even the most patient of people, and since it is the people who pay the price, they immediately leapt to zealously protect it from Sharon, and the Jews reacted with the barbarity of their distorted Torah and Talmud. All the occupied territories erupted, as did the rest of the Islamic world. The *Intifadha* of *Rajab* was like a cyclone, knocking down many barriers and walls, and blowing the cover off many plans and plots.

In brief, it was an expression of:

- 1) The subjugation, which the Palestinian people suffer. The uprising of those who are subjugated is unequalled.
- 2) The long-withheld anger and silent rejection, which the people had endured during the long period of fruitless negotiations.
- 3) The feelings of the Arab leadership of insult and marginality since there came to be only three players: Israel which sought endless claims, Arafat, who made continuous concessions and compromises, and America, the biased judge who demands that the Arabs get in line with what it has predetermined, to act as their intermediaries to force Palestinians to accept their decision, to finance their projects, to pass along their decisions to the media, and to force them upon their people with no consideration for the religious sensitivity of the issue.

One of the Arab leaders advised America: "If you want to be obeyed, then order that which is possible," but she remained unchecked in her impudence. These were also the feelings of the Europeans and

Japanese, and even more so the Russians, the former superpower whose house had collapsed atop them. Thus, the anger was universal and violent, though for different reasons.

A distinguishing feature of this uprising is the open use of Islamic terminology by everyone, which is the mark of the spiritual strength of the blessed Islamic revival: which is the only remaining path after the exposure of the futility of the all the secular slogans.

Thus, arrived the morning of the day that will end when Allah pours out His wrath and vengeance upon the tyrants of unbelief, and the forces of criminality and destruction.

2. Islamic Vision of Prophecy

The future is known only to Allah, but in His infinite wisdom, He allows some of His servants to see some future events. The greatest means of seeing the future is through revelation, which is restricted to the prophets –may Allah’s peace and blessings be on them; true dreams, which are revelation for prophets, and good or bad tidings to ordinary people. True dreams happen to believer and unbeliever, pious and impious. Furthermore, there are other means such as intuition, inspiration, and discernment.

Any prediction of the future requires two things to be accurate:

- 1) Correctness of the prediction itself.
- 2) Correctness of its interpretation.

The Christians and Jews speculate concerning future events and calamities more than any other religion. Some Muslims have also engaged in this since early times. Thus, do the scholars explain the relative neglect of hadith narration among the scholars of Syria/Palestine and Egypt compared to those of Hijaz and Iraq by the fact that they were busy studying the predictions of future events and calamities. Amazing examples are attributed to Ka`b al-Akhbar which we cannot take the time here to detail. Their sources for this study were their Holy Books and their glosses and commentaries, especially those using symbolism and numerology.

In accordance with the innate yearning of mankind to unveil the future, it has not only occupied theologians, but even secular scholars and well-known natural scientists such as Newton in the past, and some computer scientists and mathematicians of today. Their writings on this subject are numerous, some of which are included in our references.

The captivity and dispersal of the Jews, and the Roman persecution of the Christians had a great effect on their occupation with predictions of a savior or redeemer, fabricating prophecies concerning him, and interpreting every text as referring to him.

One of the best examples of this is their distortion of prophecies and predictions so that they would conform to the circumstances of the era and people of the interpreter. For this reason, the interpretations of the

prophecies are more contradictory than those of the disputes of the various denominations and sects. Most of them have committed an even worse crime, which is to efface or distort any prediction of the prophet of the last days and his community, and arbitrariness in interpreting them to be about the Jewish Messiah called ‘the Prince of Peace,’ or Christ –peace be on him.

Furthermore, the variations within the texts, discrepancies of the translations, and the numerous interpretations only add heap upon heap, so that getting to the buried truths requires great care and patience, along with guidance of the light of the accurately preserved revelation of the Qur’an and Sunna.

Because of the Christian and Jewish rejection of this light, they have forbidden of themselves the sources of certainty, and lost themselves in darkness from which there is no other means of escape.

Our position concerning the prophecies of the Christians and Jews is identical to our position concerning their texts and statements in general, which are of three categories:

First: That which is doubtlessly false. This consists of that which they have fabricated or whose actual meanings they have distorted, such as their claim that the prophet of the last days will be a descendent of David, that the promised Messiah will be Jewish, and their effacing of the prophecies concerning Islam and its messenger –Allah’s blessing and peace be on him. In general, it is everything that contradicts that which is found in the Qur’an and the authentic Sunna.

Second: That which doubtlessly correct. This is of two types:

- 1) That which is confirmed by a revealed text. Examples of this are their description of the seal of prophethood, of the Second Coming of Christ, the coming of the Anti-Christ and their description of great battles in the last days between the forces of unbelief and the forces of faith. Included in this type are texts of whose details or interpretation we may dispute with them.
- 2) That which is confirmed by actual events, such as the hadith of Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī narrated on the authority of

Jarir ibn `Abd Allah: "I was in Yemen when I met two Yemeni men: Dhul Kila` and Dhu `Amru. I began to talk to them about Allah's Messenger –may Allah's peace and blessings be on him- when Dhu `Amru said, 'If what you say about your leader is so, then he has passed away three days ago.' They traveled along with me until we met a caravan from Madinah on one of the roads. We asked them and they informed us that Allah's Messenger had died, and that Abu Bakr had been appointed to succeed him, and that the people were fine. The two Yemenis then said, 'Tell your leader that we have come, and that perhaps we will return.' They then returned to Yemen. I then told Abu Bakr their story and he said, 'Why did you not bring them here?' Later Dhu `Amru said to me, 'Jarir, I owe you a favor. I will tell you something: You Arabs will be fine as long as you continue to choose a leader to replace the one who has died, but when they (assume power by) the sword, then they will be kings, angered by what angers kings, and pleased with what pleases kings.'"⁴

Third: That which we neither confirm nor deny. It consists of all that is not included in either of the two previous categories. As the Prophet –may Allah's blessing and peace be on him- said, "Do not believe what the followers of the Bible say, but do not deny it."⁵

Examples of this are their predictions concerning the Assyrian, the Abomination of Desolation, and similar things. Our neither confirming nor denying them means that it is outside the bounds of doctrine and revelation, and within the bounds of opinion and historical narrative in which error, modification, or addition are possible. That is, the negation does not imply that it is absolutely unacceptable to research the issue, but it is research into that which is conditional, and which is circumscribed with doubt and vagueness.

⁴ Al-Bukhari, *al-maghazi*, hadith 4359.

⁵ Ibid., *al-Tafsir*, hadith 4485.

Today, when nearly the entire world is following the course of events occurring in Palestine through the media, we find that there are many people in America and elsewhere who have another concern. There is another marketplace besides the marketplace of the visual and printed media, it is the marketplace of prophecy and fortune-telling. It is a market whose business never slows or ceases. Its goods are the books of the Old and New Testaments and their commentaries. Its merchants are the priests of literalist fundamentalism. Its customers are from all classes of society from the rulers of the White House and the Pentagon, to the man in the street. Of this group there are many divisions:

Some await the coming of Christ.

Some await the coming of the Anti-Christ.

Some await the battle of Armageddon.

And some predict the end of the State of Israel due to the *intifadha*, and the destruction of the peace process.

This last is what interests us since the end of that state is the most urgent of these issues in respect to our real life situation, and the most removed of them from the sphere of Allah's exclusive knowledge which would lead to speculation on matters concerning the Day of Resurrection which are known only to Allah.

Furthermore, any secular strategic study can arrive at conclusions, which are similar or nearly identical to that which Biblical Prophecy states concerning the end of the State of Israel.

The one decisive component which is unique to the prophecies is specification of the actual number of years until the end of the State of Israel, which makes this to be an article of faith for believers in the Old and New Testaments, and not simply a matter of opinion for researchers. In this case we hope that many of them will benefit from the truth which we will attempt to uncover for the sake of the truth alone.

Since Christian Zionism is the most dangerous to humanity of all contemporary movements, and since the foundation of its doctrines and hellish plans is the coming true of the prediction of the

establishment of the State of Israel; it is necessary for every lover of justice and peace on earth to know the reality of their prophecies and to join hands with them to destroy with truth and reason, the fundamentals on which their fundamentalism is based, before they can destroy world peace and change our troubled planet into lump of flame.

The reality of our world today which is recognized by many intellectuals, is that it is possible for a terrorist organization in Europe or Russia to demolish world peace completely, so why are we ignoring this huge movement which has seized the minds of a third of the people in the most powerful nation on earth, and which strives with all persistence to control the affairs of this nation, and which expends all its energy to support the largest terrorist organization in the world –the Zionist state?

We hope –if the intelligentsia of America and elsewhere would do their duty- that the fundamentalists will realize their error, and that many of those who have been deceived or ignorant will awaken from their stupor. When we work together to show them the falseness of their concept and the error of their prophecies, then we will have opposed falsehood with the truth, enmity with justice, and terrorism with logic. This is one of the greatest goals of Islam. As Allah says addressing His Messenger in His scripture:

“We have sent you only as mercy for all the worlds.”

3. False Messiahs

America, as Edward Said says, is more occupied with religion than any other nation, and in America there is a totally mad fundamentalist current that seeks to hasten the second-coming of Christ, and who are prepared to do the stupidest thing in the world in order to achieve it.

And what could be stupider than attempting to infiltrate nuclear bases and dispatch nuclear devastation on the entire world? What more proof do we need when we have seen them commit mass suicide, and bomb federal installations, as well as forming militias and troops prepared for the coming day?

The problem is that they are increasing in number and not decreasing. They follow no system of logic or reason, but fantasies, visions and the prompting of devils that they believe to be the Holy Spirit. Moreover, there are numerous individuals who claim to be Christ, or that Christ speaks through him, or to him.

Among their beliefs are:

- 1) The establishment of the state of Israel as a precursor of the coming of Christ.
- 2) The peace process delays the promise of God.
- 3) All of Jerusalem must be under Israeli control.
- 4) Israel is blessed. Blessed are they who bless it, and cursed are they who curse it.
- 5) The Palestinians (and the Arabs in general) are a pagan scum, and the party of Gog and Magog.
- 6) The Millennial reign will soon commence, but only after believers are suddenly caught up into heaven to meet the Lord while all the pagans are destroyed in the battle of Armageddon.

But these fundamentalists are not monks cloistered away from the world as they were in the early centuries of Christianity. Rather, they exercise remarkable influence on society, as well as an effective media arsenal, and high-level government positions.

The prophecies of the Bible with the addition of fortune-telling and summoning spirit(s) are the most important of their rituals. Their

political and social theories depend on these prophecies, as does their interaction with other people.

Secular thinkers in America know that it is nearly impossible to change the backwards beliefs of these people, since their intellectual foundation has been totally destroyed, and their psychology is extremely complex and peculiar. Secular politicians pretend to support them due to their influence on public opinion, and in the financial sectors and media. The Arabic media rarely speak about them since they are preoccupied with their war against Islamic extremists and terrorists and have no time to discuss these Western extremists who, as long as they are not Muslims, cannot be terrorists.

They and the Western intellectuals are total opposites, but the problem is that the moderate bloc is gradually decreasing, and more people are tending to the fundamentalist camp rather than the secular grouping, fleeing from the confusion and spiritual drought of modern culture. For this reason, visionary fundamentalism has penetrated into all aspects of society and destroyed all barriers.

The forces of destiny seem to have been mobilized for fundamentalist strife in our age as never before, and doubtlessly there is divine wisdom behind it. This is due to two circumstances which have never combined before:

- 1) The large Jewish presence in Palestine which has not been seen in two thousand years. Hal Lindsey says in *The Late Great Planet Earth* that before the establishment of the State of Israel none of the future events were clearly understood, but now that that has occurred, the countdown has begun for the occurrence of the indicator *events* connected to all of the types of prophecy, and on the basis of the prophecies, the entire world will focus on the middle-east, and especially Israel in the last days.
- 2) The advent of the millennium, or more accurately, the year two-thousand, which to them means the beginning of the end of our world, and the beginning of the coming of the new world, the world of the millennium of Christ, which is similar to the concept of the hereafter or paradise to Muslims.

In the commotion of the flood of enthusiasm over the approach of the millennium, the fundamentalists were activated to a formidable extent in the last two decades of the twentieth century in every field. Except that they especially focused on studying and writing, and the media clamor concerning the Second Coming of Christ and the millennial reign, in which they hastened to force every current event into their frightening apocalyptic scenarios, all of which are based on one assumption: the occurrence of miracles which could not possibly agree with the logical succession of historical events in any manner.

They discovered that they could not possibly conceive of the inauguration of Christ's millennial reign in accordance with the objective conditions of time, place and the present-day political situation. Therefore, there would have to be a great external interference to completely overturn the world order. Thus, the easiest means of realizing it would be a nuclear disaster that would terminate the present-day civilization, and bring the world back to conditions more closely resembling the world during Christ's first advent, in preparation for his second-coming. They found their answer in the ominous events of Armageddon. Reagan and Nixon both agreed about destroying the 'Evil Empire' of the Soviet Union because they supposed that the Russians were Gog and Magog. Then after the Gulf War began, they decided that Saddam Hussein is the Assyrian, and that Gog and Magog are the Arabs, or the Arabs and Iranians, and that there is no escaping nuclear conflict.

After the Oslo agreement they calmed down a bit –rather, they were in disarray. But when the latest *intifadha* began they breathed a sigh of relief, especially since it occurred in the year two-thousand. Because of this many Western intellectuals and scholars are holding their breath out of fear of one of these madmen venturing some stupid stunt that would end in an unthinkable catastrophe. Even the Israeli authorities have been adamant in restricting the entry of these Christian extremists into Israel, fearing that they would attempt something of that type. As for the great catastrophe which disturbs the sleep of observers of the situation, it is the possibility of them gaining entry into a nuclear facility and lighting a fire which the world cannot extinguish.

People must understand that the passing of the year two-thousand without incident does not mean the end of these ideas. All they will do is reexamine their calculations, and Satan will reveal to them a

new mirage to lead them astray, and with which to raise the fears of the world, and with which they will remain a source of threat to all of humanity.

Because I am convinced that they lack reason, I believe that it is necessary for reasonable people to destroy the doctrinal foundation of their fantasies and error. If the Christians and Jews are unable or unwilling to do so, it is not possible for us to forsake or neglect it when we possess the infallible revelation of truth, which Allah would cause humanity to accept, if we were to present it to the world.

Therefore, confirmation that there is no connection whatsoever between the existing State of Israel, and the Messiah, and that the second millennium shall pass as the first with nothing new, is the defense against their evil, not only for the sake of Muslims, but for all humanity. This is one of the causes behind the writing of this brief research. The other cause especially concerns Muslims, which we will shortly discuss.

Their coreligionists who have doubts about the soundness of their doctrines need only read the twenty-third and twenty-fourth chapters of Matthew, especially the discussion of the prophecy of Daniel, and to carefully contemplate Christ's warning against false Messiahs and those who spread rumors at the time of the setting up of the 'abomination of desolation' in Jerusalem, then ask themselves who they believe fit that description, and what their position should be concerning such people? They will then –we believe- arrive at the right conclusion, if not, then they need only continue on with us as we shed complete light on the subject –Allah willing.

4. Has Anything Changed?

When the Zionist forces fired on the Muslim crowds in the precincts of the Aqsa, it was a proclamation of the coup de grace of the peace process, that miscarriage whose difficult birth was delayed for several years. When Israeli helicopters bombed some of Arafat's Palestinian authority's administration buildings, it was really shattering the Oslo accords.

Thus, the Jews turned back on what they had accomplished, burning what they had nurtured for so long. What changed? Why? This requires that we review the causes behind Madrid and Oslo, and the United States middle-east policy according to the Zionist plan.

After the inauspicious Madrid peace conference I made the following statement:

“The so-called peace process has not come about due to changes in international conditions and the end of the stage of the Cold War, and in harmony with the requirements of international accords, as it is pictured in the Western media and its Arab retinue. These changes themselves only came as a result of the fundamental cause of the changes, the Zionist plan for world domination, especially in the Islamic world.

“This plan –to put it simply- has changed from the idea of establishing Greater Israel, or to put it more correctly, that idea has changed due to necessity because of essential characteristics of the Israeli State. After forty years the Jewish State finds itself to be a composition of contradictory forces, a foreign entity within a sea of enemies.

“On the security level it was unsuccessful in controlling the Palestinian territories which it had swallowed, so how could it further expand? And Lebanon, its weakest and least threatening neighbor, proved to be a continuous source of endless anxiety and trouble even after the total destruction that had befallen it. [Now, during the latest *intifadha*, Lebanon is the only active front].

“The population problem is one of the deepest and most far-reaching problems. Many Jews were never tricked by the honey-coated promises and glittering illusions of migration to a land swarming with social

problems, from deteriorating security to a detested class-system, to suicidal political division, etc. When snakes of all types gather together they must taste each other's poison, in addition to the stones of the Muslim youths that continually crush their heads, so how much more so when the matter turns to bullets?

"The Jewish State feared the rising tide of reverse migration, and the failed attempts to promote procreation. Statistics appeared showing that for every Palestinian Muslim martyr dozens were born to take his place. Indisputable Israeli experience demonstrates that she is unable to eliminate the opposition herself. For their annihilation she depends on her agents in Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Kuwait, and elsewhere.

"So why should she not work hand in hand with them to implement a new plan in which Israel will renounce its claim to the wider Biblical territories in exchange for narrower borders? This is not strange coming from Jewish doctrine which believes in *bada*⁶, and in which the Rabbis correct the mistakes of God. Furthermore, in order to convince the Westerner who is enamored of democracy and human rights, Israel cannot remain a big military enclave and prison camp forever.

"Similarly, the Arab boycott however ineffective, remained a psychological barrier for the people of the region. Therefore, it was necessary to fabricate a tactical movement in which the Jews would withdraw from certain areas and surrender them to what is called 'limited self-government,' so as to complete the greater strategic goal in which they would give up geographical expansion in exchange for political, economic and social penetration which more than one observer called: 'the United States of the Middle East.'

"In this manner the opening of cultural, social and economic borders and the announcement of the opening of political channels will lead to the Jews becoming to the Middle East what they are to New York. The Muslims' resources will become their buried treasure, their universities and cultural institutions will become their dens, their financial centers will become their marketplaces for their goods, and the

⁶ According to Jewish belief, God may change His mind after discovering an error in His previous plan, contrary to the Islamic conception that Allah, in His absolute and perfect knowledge and wisdom cannot make any mistake, and does not go back on His decisions.

general Arab population will toil as laborers in the service of their Jewish lords.

“This is the goal of the supposed peace no matter how much they attempt to conceal it. The Zionist plan was not changed impromptu, nor was it the exclusive result of field studies or scholarly research. Rather, its causes and roots extend deeper, to the hidden psychological reserves which are the true natural Jewish disposition, and the reality of Jewish history both ancient and modern. The establishment of a distinct and independent Jewish entity like all other political or religious entities in the world contradicts that psychological and historical disposition. The biggest mistake of those designers of dreams of return from the Babylonian exile until the European oppression, which was planned by Herzl, Feishman, and Weizman, is that they were ignorant of, or ignored that reality. Thus, when the sought-after entity was established, that reality appeared like the sun coming from behind the clouds.

“It is not news to the Jews or to observers of the modern Zionist movement, that there are Jewish religious and philosophical groups that reject the establishment of a distinct Jewish state. They are a reflection of the Biblical prophecies upon its followers, claiming that the establishment of a state is a harbinger of destruction for Judaism, for which there is a great deal of evidence from Biblical texts as well as historical facts.

“The Israeli state embodies the great dilemma in which the Jews find themselves, in which the limitless racist dreams of the Talmud clash with the reality of the ailing Jewish psyche which has never been the leader in any affair, not even its own. So how could it be the leader of the whole world? For this reason, she awaits the advent of the promised Messiah who will bear that role for her.

“If the Jews are to be the leaders of an affair, even their own in our age, it will be for the first time in their history, but that is something that is never meant to be. They are like a parasitic vine that can only grow on a host tree, or the intestinal worm that can only live on the food of its host. From the incident of Banu Qaynuqa` in which the (Muslim) hypocrites were the official spokesmen, to the conspiracy of the Confederates, in which the army was that of Quraysh and their allies, not the army of Quraytha and their (Jewish) brethren, to the American

administration in which the Jews continue to control the largest portion of the economy, media, and political influence, they use people like Nixon, Carter, Reagan, and Bush who are all Christian.

“They lived within the bowels of Europe experiencing the Crusader-like hatred of the Christians only with a covenant of protection from the people, and now that they have become, for the first time in nearly two-thousand years, a state and government, the divine law has once again become apparent:

“ ‘You suppose that they are united, but their hearts are divided.’
—al-Hashr 59:15.

“This state swarms with contradictions and conflicts, it begs from the entire world and presses the Jews and others everywhere for donations, and it cannot do without an American representative in every international gathering, although it appears to play the part of the fox for America’s tiger.⁷

“They always control the puppet from behind the curtain. If they appeared on the stage they would be exposed and the magic would be gone. They are careful to adopt every American president and they also plan his downfall should he contradict him, but they cannot and will not even consider having a Jewish president and an openly Jewish government. (Now they have nominated a Jewish vice-president).

“Another matter which disturbs the Jews of the State of Israel is that it is not within the capacity of blind Jewish greed to remain within the confines of the Biblical land of milk and honey, while the region as a whole contains oil and gold. Furthermore, it remains the pawn of its ideological claim to a state from the Nile to the Euphrates following the example of the Nazi military which was unable to control its new territories after seizing them.

“Moreover, the part of the dream which has come true is sufficient to cause them to move to implement that other ideology upon which Rothschild and his descendents established their historically unprecedented kingdom: ‘the Kingdom of Usury, Media, and

⁷ According to the ancient fable, the fox claimed that the animals feared him as much as they feared the tiger. The tiger disbelieved the fox, so the fox said, “Come along with me and I will show you.” As the fox walked along with the tiger the animals fled in fear. So the fox said to the tiger, “Now do you believe me?”

Espionage.' It is a kingdom which fully exemplifies the parasitic vine, and the lands which they have occupied during their many wars, or some of the land, is the starting point for this kingdom, and the soil for this parasitic vine which will grow and choke with its culture, ideology and methodology the rest of the region whose resources are the envy of the entire world.

"How long will their entry to those vast resources be through American and European channels when it is they who are the nearest neighbors?

"The Jews are too shrewd and too greedy to remain entrenched in an error as great as this –the error of non-guaranteed geographical expansion- even if it were the dream of the Rabbis of the Talmud since ancient times, and with or without the coming of the Messiah."⁸

This is what we said previously. Now what has changed and what has remained the same?

The prophecy has come true in its negative aspect, for one clear reason, which is that the Jewish psyche is permanent and does not change according to the changes of strategy of war and peace. If not, how did the Zionist State lose the huge profits of peace? And how can peace, which is the goal of every nation, be the cause of weakness and collapse? The Zionist State is now at its weakest although it has not been at war with anyone, and nobody even thinks of going to war against it. Why? It must be a totally internal cause. If this process had been established for any other people, and if those agreements had been forged with another party, it would have been possible to arrive at some permanent results, with reasonable expectation of violation and deception, as we see in disputes between other groups of people. But the Jews have a unique nature of evasion and retreat.

In brief, it is our position that the assumptions on which the Madrid and Oslo accords were based, were as follows: That peace breaks down the psychological barriers between people –which is a reasonable assumption- except in the case of a people whose psychology is a complex web of barriers: the nation 'on whom is Allah's wrath,' the

⁸ *Jerusalem between the True Promise and the Bogus Promise*, pp.9-13. Unfortunately this text from the second edition in Arabic, is not found in the English translation of that book.

Jews, and based on the fact that peace is vital pursuit of for all nations –which is a fact- except in the case of a nation which only survives on enmity, barbarity, and malevolent racism.

Just in case somebody will accuse us of racism, or take us to court as they did to Garoudy, we will not cite the evidence of the Qur'an, or the words of any gentile. Rather, we will cite the Bible itself, upon the prophecies of which the Zionist entity is established (and let him who has ears hear).

5. Jews are Jews⁹

Jews are Jews since the worshippers of the golden calf who desired a god like the gods of the pagans, breakers of the covenant of Allah at every opportunity, those who said, “We will not believe in you until we see Allah clearly,” those who said, “Go, you and your Lord and fight, we will be sitting right here,” those who distorted words [of scripture] from their proper places, devourers of ill-got gain and usury, those who said that Allah’s hand is bound, that Allah is poor and we are rich, slayers of the prophets, concealers of the truth, who forsook commanding right and forbidding wrong, who were cursed on the lips of David and Jesus son of Mary, those who were transformed into apes and pigs...and on and on.

From Qaynuqa’, al-Nadhir, Quraytha, and Khaybar who rejected the light at noon, who conspired with the worshippers of al-Lat and al-’Uzza, who planned to kill the best of all creation at first, and finally poisoned his food, whose scandals and abominations cannot be counted, to Herzl and his gang, Begin and his party, to the murderers who came after them –and they are all murderers- those wolves in sheep’s clothing, and those who flash their teeth and openly proclaim their terrorism...

To the impudent, hard-hearted persons who aim their bullets at children, who break the hearts of mothers, and who expose the true face of Israel: the ‘abomination of desolation,’ through their atrocities and barbarism. From those of ancient times to these of modern times, they have not changed their nature. They have not refined their behavior, and their punishment will be no different.

Read along with me what their Bible says about them, and apply what you read to any era you wish, whether the worshippers of the golden calf, or the traitors of Quraytha, or the murderers of Israel today. Rather, apply it to all of them, since there is no difference. For this reason we will quote them without explanation or comment.

⁹ By Jews here, we mean those unbelievers who reject the prophets and their scriptures, regardless of whether they reject Moses, or Jesus, or Muhammad.

Read the description of their rulers, the nature of the people, the characteristics of their priests, the features of Zionist society, its morality, its treatment of others, even its treatment of Allah their Creator; during the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, during the Babylonian exile, during the Diaspora, and in the State of Israel today, you will find that nothing has changed, and that what was true at one time is true in every time. What you will read is merely a drop in the ocean, and it is only from the Bible, not from the Talmud –and what could we say about the Talmud?!

1) Moses:

“So it was when Moses had completed writing the words of this law in a book, when they were finished, that Moses commanded the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, saying: ‘Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there as a witness against you; for I know your rebellion and your stiff neck. If today, while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the Lord, then how much more after my death?’”

(Deuteronomy 31:24-27)

2) David:

Reading Psalm 106 you will notice the resemblance between this book and Sura al-Baqara: the enumeration of Allah’s blessings upon them and His signs which He has shown them, yet each time they turn away and violate their covenant, worship other gods besides Allah, and reject Allah’s blessing. For that reason, they are threatened by Allah:

“Therefore He raised up His hand in an oath against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness, to overthrow their descendents among the nations.”

(vv.26, 27)

“Many times He delivered them; but they rebelled in their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.”

(v.43)

3) With nearly identical terms they are rebuked in Nehemiah: 9.

4) As for Isaiah, he details and elaborates, but we will summarize with a few choice verses:

“Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the Lord has spoken: ‘I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me; the ox knows its owner and the donkey its master’s crib; but Israel does not know, My people do not consider. Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a brood of evildoers, children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked to anger the Holy One of Israel, they have turned backward. Why should you be stricken again? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faints. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; they have not been closed or bound up, or soothed with ointment.”

(1:2-6)

“Unless the Lord of Hosts had left to us a very small remnant, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been made like Gomorrah.”

(1:9)

“Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; give ear to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah: ‘To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?’ says the Lord. ‘I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle. I do

not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs or goats. When you appear before Me, who has required this from your hand, to trample My courts? Bring no more futile sacrifices; incense is an abomination before Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies- I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; they are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.”

(1:10-15)

“How the faithful city has become a harlot! It was full of justice; righteousness lodged in it, but now murderers. Your silver has become dross, your wine mixed with water. Your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves; everyone loves bribes, and follows after rewards. They do not defend the fatherless, nor does the cause of the widow come before them. Therefore the Lord says, the Lord of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, ‘Ah, I will rid Myself of My adversaries, I will take vengeance on My enemies. I will turn My hand against you, and thoroughly purge away your dross, and take away all your alloy.”

(1:21-25)

“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe to men mighty at drinking wine, woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink, who justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away justice from the righteous man! Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root will be as rottenness, and their blossom will ascend like dust; because they have rejected the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. Therefore, the anger of the Lord is

aroused against them and stricken them, and the hills trembled. Their carcasses were as refuse in the middle of the streets. For all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand is stretched out still.”

(5:20-25)

After this the prophet predicts the punishment that will befall them, realizing that at the time the Jews were in the Babylonian captivity, and had no state or gathering:

“He will lift up a banner to the nations from afar, and will whistle to them from the end of the earth; surely they shall come with speed, swiftly. No one will be weary or stumble among them, no one will slumber or sleep; nor will the belt on their loins be loosed, nor the strap of their sandals be broken; whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent; their horses’ hooves will seem like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind. Their roaring will be like a lion, they will roar like lions; yes, they will roar and lay hold of prey; they will carry it away safely, and no one will deliver. In that day they will roar against them like the roaring of the sea. And if one looks to the land, behold, darkness and sorrow; and the light is darkened by clouds.”

(5:26-30)

We will discuss the description of this nation which Allah will honor with the privilege of fighting a war against His enemies, in greater detail later in this book. Isaiah later says:

“Your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perversity. No one calls for justice, nor does any plead for truth. They trust

in empty words and speak lies; they conceive evil and bring forth iniquity. They hatch vipers' eggs and weave the spider's web; He who eats of their eggs dies, and from that which is crushed a viper breaks out. Their webs will not become garments, nor will they cover themselves with their works; their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. "Their feet run to evil and they hasten to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they have not known, and there is no justice in their ways; they have made themselves crooked paths; whoever takes that way shall not know peace.

"Therefore, justice is far away from us, nor does righteousness overtake us; we look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, but we walk in blackness! We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes; we stumble in noonday as at twilight; we are as dead men in desolate places.

"We all growl like bears, and moan like doves; we look for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us. For our transgressions are multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know them:

"In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart the words of falsehood. Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.

"Then the Lord saw it, and I displeased Him that there was no justice... For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of

vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, fury to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies.”

(59:2-18)

5) We read in the book of Ezekial:

“Son of man, I am sending you to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. For they are impudent and stubborn children. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus, says the Lord God.’ As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse –for they are a rebellious house- yet they will know that a prophet has been among them... Do not be afraid of them nor afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, though they are a rebellious house.”

(2:3-8)

6) In Micah we read:

“Hear now, O heads of Jacob, and you rulers of the house of Israel: Is it not for you to know justice? You who hate good and love evil; who strip the skin of My people, and the flesh from their bones; who also eat the flesh of My people... Thus says the Lord concerning the [false] prophets who make people stray; who chant ‘Peace’ while they chew with their teeth, who puts nothing into their mouths.”

“You heads of the house of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert equity, who build up Zion with bloodshed and Jerusalem with iniquity...” (3:1-5, 9-12)

7) Despite the claim that they are God’s chosen people we read:

“Surely, had I sent you to them [non-Jews], they would have listened to you. But the house of Israel will not listen to you, because they will not listen to Me; for all the house of Israel are impudent and hard-hearted.”

(Ezekial 3:6-7)

The phrase ‘because they are a rebellious house,’ is repeated like a refrain throughout the book.

- 8) Finally, read what it says in the book of Amos, who seems to be addressing the makers of the current peace process:

“Do horses run on rocks? Does one plow there with oxen? Yet you have turned justice into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood... ‘But, behold, I will raise up a nation against you, O house of Israel,’ says the Lord God of hosts; ‘and they will afflict you from the entrance of Hamath to the Valley of the Arabah.’”

(6:12-14)

This is only a tiny portion of the detailed descriptions of the Jews found in the books of the Bible. It also includes advice to those who must deal with them, and even greater than that, it describes the method of their punishment, to which we will –with Allah’s permission- devote a special chapter.

6. Indisputable Evidence

The future of Jerusalem is the greatest problem of the most dangerous conflict in the world. This is agreed upon among politicians, observers and researchers of the world.

The problem of Jerusalem is the location of the Holy House of Allah, called the Aqsa mosque by Muslims as well as throughout prophetic history, and called the Temple by the Jews and fundamentalists who depend on the Biblical prophecies.

The Biblical prophecies clearly link the great future honor and splendor of the House of Allah and His new *qibla*, and the holy, chosen nation who will worship Him who worship there. Wherever we find that House, we find that nation whom Allah promised to multiply, to establish, to make its Faith manifest over all other religions, and to give it power over the kingdoms of the unbelievers forever; and wherever we find that nation we find their *qibla* and its greatest landmark, the House of Allah whose honor, splendor and holiness has been allotted to no other temple in existence.

This link between the nation and the house has never been more emphatic and clear than in the present era, and the reason behind it is – surprisingly- the Zionist fundamentalists.

The Muslims, despite their ignorance of many of their special characteristics and the divine blessings upon them, including this house and facing towards it, do not see the relationship between Makkah and Jerusalem as one of opposition or competition. Rather, it is the same relationship as that between Muhammad –may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him- and Moses and Jesus –peace be upon him; a connection of love, brotherhood, and a single goal. Although there is a difference between them in the level of favor bestowed on the messengers and on the mosques.

As for the Zionist fundamentalists, the matter is to them, decisive and absolute: Jerusalem is the City of God, and the Temple is the House of

God mentioned in the prophecies. There is no choice, or idea, or even existence for any other.

In this way they have placed themselves in an extremely dangerous position before the court of reality which shows no favoritism to anyone. Either what they say is correct, or else they are the worst liars in the world, and the ones most deserving of that deferred punishment from which there is no escape.

For this reason, it is necessary for us to briefly discuss the Aqsa Mosque of Jerusalem and its relationship with the Sacred Mosque of Makkah, and to discover the evidence of the falseness of the fundamentalists' claim from the Jewish and Christian scriptures, and from the real world which is visible to every person in the world, and that the prophecies are actually against them and do not support them.

The story of the Aqsa Mosque is a long one, but its most important features are:

- 1) It is the second mosque on earth after the Sacred Mosque of Makkah according to the hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari in his Sahih, on the authority of Abu Dharr: "I asked Allah's Messenger which mosque was first placed on earth? He answered, 'The Sacred Mosque.' Then I asked which came next? He replied, 'The Aqsa Mosque.' Then I asked how long it was between the founding of the two? He answered, 'Forty years.'"¹⁰
- 2) After Abraham restored¹¹ the Sacred Mosque, Jacob restored the Aqsa Mosque as is found in some traditions.
- 3) The followers of Moses entered it after the wandering in the wilderness, when they fought against the

¹⁰ Hadith 3322.

¹¹ We use the term 'restore' since the correct position is that the mosque was present before Abraham. It was initially built either by Adam or by the angels. Among the evidence for this is the verse: "And when Abraham and Ishmael raised the foundations of the House..." –al-Baqara 2:127. Al-Tabari narrates with a correct chain from Ibn 'Abbas: "The foundations existed before that. Abraham did not found it, but he only raised it by building atop it."

unbelievers. Allah granted them victory and the entered the Holy Land which Allah decreed for them, as is found in Sura al-Ma'ida. They worshipped Him alone, and worshipped none besides Him.¹²

- 4) It reached the pinnacle of its greatness when Allah granted Solomon the kingdom. He utilized both human and jinn as to build it, so that it could be a house devoted to Allah's exclusive worship. He asked his Lord that "May any man who leaves his house desiring only to pray in this Mosque leave behind his sins like the day his mother gave birth to him."¹³
- 5) The Jews call it the 'temple' which is a well-known pagan term, although in the Bible it is called the House of the Lord in many different passages. The problem is not simply in its name, but they distorted and innovated their religion until it became like paganism. The Bible records in many passages that they worshipped 'Baal,' 'Tamuz,' 'Manat,' and many other idols.
- 6) It was subjected to great attacks and destruction on several occasions, some of which will be mentioned in the following paragraphs.
- 7) The Prophet –may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him- was carried to it during the Night Journey, before the *hijra* to Madinah.
- 8) The Muslims conquered Jerusalem under the leadership of `Umar.

¹² This is the correct position although the Jews claim that Joshua conquered Jericho, and that Jerusalem was not conquered until the time of David. The text of the Qur'an indicates that David entered Jerusalem after the Jews had been expelled from it (al-Baqara 2:246). Ibn Kathir specifically asserts in his *Tafsir* of al-Ma'ida 5:26 that Joshua and his followers entered Jerusalem. He cites a hadith concerning the sun standing still for him until he could conquer it. Such a miracle is more appropriate for Jerusalem than for Jericho. Perhaps Muhsin Muhammad Salih will correct this matter in his book: *Al-Tariq il al-Quds* p28.

¹³ Musnad Ahmad 2:176, al-Nasa'I 2:43, see also the commentary on the previous hadith in Ibn Hajar's *Fath al-Bari*, and Ibn Kathir's *tafsir* of Sura Sad 38:35.

- 9) The Jews seized it in 1386AH/1968CE and desired to destroy it as they still do. The most dangerous incident that could possibly take place in the near future is that they could burn or explode it, or its features could be obliterated and incorporated into a portion of the proposed structure which the Jews are planning.
- 10) The Jews claim that the Temple of Solomon lies beneath it or in its vicinity. They have excavated the land below the mosque and left it as subterranean vaults from which they have removed tons of buried artifacts, but they have never found any trace of the supposed temple.

It is a sign from Allah, Who sent His Messenger with guidance and the True Faith, that it may be manifest over all religion, though the disbelievers may despise it, that the first House of Allah, the foundations of which were raised by Abraham, still remains, manifest, visited, preserved and holy, after more than four-thousand years. The prophets before Abraham performed pilgrimage to it, and it was the secure goal of pilgrimage in the time of `Ad and Thamud. During the same period the temples of Babel, Nineveh and Jerusalem fell into oblivion, and the idols of the people of Noah, `Ad and Thamud were forgotten. During those many centuries the Christians and Jews themselves fell into idolatry, despite the fact that the claim descent from Abraham. Yet they search through the records and artifacts of history, and in the end either find nothing, or else they discover evidence bearing witness of the Faith of Allah, not their religion.

If the worldly adornments provided to America and Israel cannot save them anxiety and sorrow, and cannot extinguish the flame of envy that consumes their hearts when they see that this unlettered Muslim nation possesses truth, and enjoys the blessings of light. Those poor wretches are constantly digging in Turkey, northern Iraq, southern Egypt and everywhere else, but they discover only that which points in the direction of the font of human civilization and the center of world leadership: the peninsula of the unlettered Arab nation. This is the case after spending centuries and hundreds of millions of pounds and

dollars, that all the evidence is against them. Have you ever seen someone pay a lawyer to prove his opponent's case? It is only by Allah's wisdom.

The biblical texts bear witness of us Muslims, the facts of history serve us, and our enemies are utilized to prove our case. But why?

Because we believe in all of Allah's messengers and venerate all that Allah consecrates, without racism or sectarianism. Our position is as clear as the sun: the Sacred Mosque of Makkah is the Sacred Mosque, whether when Adam built it, or when Abraham built it, or when it was rebuilt by Quraysh –despite their idolatry and ignorance- and when the Muslims rebuilt it, and whenever it may be renewed until the Day of Judgment.

Similarly, to us the Aqsa Mosque is the Aqsa Mosque, whether when it was built the first time, or when it was built by Solomon, or when the Prophet –may Allah's blessing and peace be on him- prayed there, or when the Muslims built it, and whenever it may be rebuilt until the Day of Judgment.

We believe in the correctness of Allah's words to Solomon after he built the Mosque which are found in the book of Kings:

“I have consecrated this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and heart will be there perpetually.”¹⁴

This is the truth. We still –praise be to Allah- venerate this house and worship Allah within it.

As for the Jews who reject everything but racism and deception, what are they looking for? If they search for the place made holy by Allah, there it is plain as day. They can worship Allah there as ordained by the Seal of the Prophets and Messengers, the Reviver of the Faith of Abraham. What would be the harm to them if they submitted to Allah and were rightly guided to the truth.

¹⁴ I Kings 9:2.

If they merely want a building, what is the value of the stones themselves if the rites performed therein are abrogated or false, and unacceptable to Allah?

If we imagine that their search continues without success until Judgment Day, what will be the result? It is denial of Allah's promise to Solomon that it will remain consecrated forever. So why do they cast a blind eye to the facts of revelation, history, and the real world?

It is only through the message of Muhammad –may Allah's blessing and peace be on him- that Allah's decree of revelation and sacred law is in harmony with His decree destined within creation, so that the mosque which is consecrated according to revelation and sacred law, is also consecrated is the real, physical, objective world.

As for the differences of holiness and divine favor bestowed on the two mosques, that is another matter containing great wisdom, much greater than the existence or non-existence of the Temple.

When prophethood was found among the descendants of Abraham (Isaac?), the Aqsa Mosque was the hub of events and the mosque of the descendants of Isaac. But when Allah removed prophethood and scripture from them, and placed it among the descendants of Ishmael, it was His will that the Prophet be born in the Sacred land itself, so that all the Arabs without exception, would know that he was a descendant of Ishmael; and that he be born in the year in which Allah protected the Sacred Mosque from the elephant of the Christians. When the Christians could not find their supposed temple, and were unable to turn the hearts of the people toward its replacements in Sanaa and Rome, they strove to destroy Allah's House itself, and they will keep trying until they destroy it just before the final Hour.

The Prophet –may Allah's blessing and peace be on him- witnessed the rebuilding of the House before his prophethood. Then during his mission, when Allah wanted to reveal to him the most sacred rites of Islam (the five daily prayers), he brought him on the night journey first to the Aqsa Mosque, and from there he caused him to ascend into heaven. He remained praying towards the Aqsa Mosque despite his longing to pray towards the *Ka'ba*. While in Makkah it was possible for him to get around this by praying with the *Ka'ba* between him and

Jerusalem, but that was not possible after the migration to Madinah. He remained facing towards the Aqsa Mosque for ten or so months for a wise reason, if the Christians and Jews would only think a bit. The Prophet –may Allah’s blessing and peace be on him- followed what was revealed to him by his Lord, not what he himself desired. Furthermore, his facing towards Jerusalem articulated his prophethood and his veneration for the prophets, and his following their path and manner. Then the command came to him from his Lord to turn, so he turned towards the first house of Allah and the station of his father Abraham. That was a test and trial of faith for this nation of the just mean, and a permanent refutation of the religion and worship of anyone who fails to turn towards the new *qibla*, and their disinheritance from the Faith of Abraham, as well as a great testimony that the disbelief of the Christians and Jews is only out of envy and hatred, despite their knowledge and certainty of the truth.

For this reason among the verses of the *qibla* which were revealed in Allah’s well-guarded scripture in Sura al-Baqara verse 142-150, He says;

Those who were given the scripture know that it is the truth from their Lord...those to whom We gave the scripture recognize it like they recognize their own sons, but a sect of them knowingly conceal the truth.

Furthermore, we find that the context of the entire Sura leads toward this concept, especially Allah’s saying:

And when his Lord tried Abraham...

Which defines the Islamicity of Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and the Tribes (of Israel), commands this nation to believe in what was revealed to them, and refutes the claim of the followers of the Bible that they were Jews or Christians.

It is a sign as clear as the sun that the Jews and Christians strayed from the Faith of Abraham, as well as from his *qibla* and mosque which is the goal of pilgrimage unequalled in the entire world. If there were even one Jewish congregation per year the size of a typical congregation

for one of the five daily prayers in this Sacred Mosque, it would be an historic occasion for them. Yet they continue to search and dig for that which exists only in their imaginations, much distorted since ancient times by their adopted paganisms.

Even if the Jews and Christians continue to dispute and cast a blind eye on these dazzling signs, they will not be able to reject that which is written in their own holy scriptures about Makkah and the new *qibla*. So we will mention a few of them so that the Americans, and the Jews behind them, will know that they have no share of faith, and no share of the heritage of the prophets, other than mere claims and vain hopes, and that their pursuit of the mirage of the promised land and temple will never bear fruit other than removing them farther from the straight path and into a labyrinth from which there is no escape.

These are some of the descriptions of the *Ka`ba* –the House of Allah- and Makkah –the land of sanctuary- from their holy scriptures. We will cite some of them word for word, and summarize others:

- 1) The New Jerusalem = the Messianic Jerusalem during the age of the promised savior.
- 2) In the wilderness or mountains of Paran where Ishmael and his mother lived, and where Allah brought forth a spring to save them.
- 3) The city towards which Abraham would turn in longing.
- 4) Its residents are the tribe of Kedar (Arab descendants of Ishmael).
- 5) It is the city of the trustworthy and truthful one, the leader of humanity.
- 6) There is no temple therein.
- 7) The Temple of Solomon in all its glory cannot compare to the new house.
- 8) The new house is in the shape of a cube.
- 9) The cubical house contains a valuable stone.
- 10) It is festooned with garlands and jewels like a bride.
- 11) Everyone who opposes it is filled with dread. Fear does not approach it.

- 12) The health-giving water of life springs from the vicinity of the cube-shaped house, free for all who desire to drink.
- 13) Its gates are open day and night and never close.
- 14) Every knee in the world bends before it.
- 15) There is a road there called the holy road on which no unclean person may pass.
- 16) No unclean thing may enter it.
- 17) Its children are greater in number than the children of Jerusalem.
- 18) It is crowded with residents and worshippers.
- 19) Kings bow down before it and lick its dust.
- 20) The mountains and hills may pass away but Allah's kindness and peace towards it does not pass away.
- 21) The treasures of the sea are sent there, and the wealth of the nations is brought to it.
- 22) The people gather there from afar.
- 23) Its land is crowded from the camels and sheep brought there from East and West, Sheba, Midian, Paran and Kedar. The men of Maarib serve it.
- 24) There is a holy mountain there to which the nations come to worship Allah therein.
- 25) Everyone there is equally free to worship Allah.
- 26) The name of Allah is written on the foreheads of its people.
- 27) The people gathered around the house restrain themselves from the call of nature (passing urine and feces).
- 28) The man bares his head and the woman covers her head. They cover from their loins to their legs, and shave the hair of their heads (the clothing worn during the state of *ihram* and the shaving of the head upon completion of the rites of pilgrimage).

The interpreters of the Bible are at a loss to explain the references to this city, since they do not want to admit the truth. These verses are as clear as the sun, but biblical interpreters turn a blind eye towards them stumble about in contradictory interpretations.

Sometimes they claim that these are descriptions of a heavenly city, sometimes they say that it is a symbolic Jerusalem, and sometimes they say that it is the perfect Messianic Jerusalem of the Millennial Kingdom.

They do not understand that through these interpretations they bear witness against themselves, that it is not the present-day Jerusalem as it is known, and that its people are not the children of Israel who live there today. Thus, the light dawns on those who have eyes –all praise to Allah- and Allah exposes the truth even if the envious despise it.

Those westerners who doubt what we have mentioned need only watch the live satellite transmissions of the annual pilgrimage, or of the *Tarawih* prayers held in Makkah during Ramadhan, and compare the descriptions that he reads in the Bible with that which he sees with his own eyes, in order to understand why Allah addresses the scholars among his people:

“O followers of the Bible, why do you disguise the truth with falsehood, and knowingly conceal the truth?”

And let him consider the words of Christ to the Samaritan woman when she asked him which is the better place to worship Jerusalem or Mount Gerizim [the holy place of the Samaritans] He replied:

“Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.”

—John 4:21.

This being the case, it is a matter of scholarly integrity and academic freedom to reexamine the prophecies, and discount the commentaries. In that case there will be no difficulty in distinguishing between the chosen people who are promised divine support and victory, and the cursed nation who will establish the abomination of desolation in the land of the prophets. This is only one example. If we bring out the other prophecies the result will be the same [but to save the Western reader time we will give him the basic keys by which to understand the prophetic symbolism, in the hope that he will bring them to his nearest priest or rabbi].

A Gift for Jews and Christians

Followers of the Bible, how long will you keep wasting your lives and energies in interpreting the prophecies in your scriptures? How long will you keep up your fruitless efforts to decode their symbolism and solve their parallels? You contradict each other's interpretations and the same interpreter even contradicts himself on the same page or in the same book. The process is actually easier than solving a children's crossword puzzle.

If you gathered all that has been written on this subject you could cover the entire land of Palestine. Why can't you sum it all up in one uncontradictory volume? We will give you –absolutely free- the keys to solve all the prophecies:

- 1) The New Jerusalem = Makkah.
- 2) The Trustworthy, Truthful One = the head of creation = the Paraclete = Muhammad –Allah's blessing and peace be on him.
- 3) The son of Man who will come in the latter days = Muhammad –Allah's blessing and peace be on him- since Christ is the son of a woman and it is he who announced the coming of the great Messenger after him, and that he is the son of Man. It does not make sense that Christ could be the son of Man according to the nature of his birth as well as their own doctrine concerning him, since they hold that he is the son of God –glorified is Allah above what they ascribe to Him.
- 4) The Messiah = Christ Jesus Son of Mary, Allah's servant and messenger and his brother in prophethood, and the closest of the messengers to him: Muhammad –may Allah's blessing and peace be on him.
- 5) The Anti-Christ = the false Messiah.
- 6) The beast = Zionism in its Jewish and Christian fundamentalist forms.

- 7) The false Prophet = Paul, the Popes, and everyone who claims to be Christ, or that Christ dwells within him, or sends revelation to him.
- 8) Gog = Ya'juj and Ma'juj of the Qur'an
- 9) The little horn = the abomination of desolation = the State of Israel.
- 10) The New Babylon = modern Western culture in general and American culture in particular.
- 11) The new Roman Empire = the United States of America.

Anyone who seeks the truth and the correct beliefs which is acceptable to Allah should reread the Biblical prophecies according to these free keys and compare his results with any of the books of the fundamentalists and ancient or modern commentators, and see the difference for himself, expecting some errors due to ancient distortions and misinterpretations in the Biblical text itself.

7. The Return of the Jews and the Prophetic Gap

The reader of the Bible, especially the books of the prophets of the Babylonian captivity and the period thereafter, clearly discovers that they contain prophecies concerning the Jews of the latter days, that a remnant of them will gather in Palestine and revive their ancient kingdom, and that Allah will strike them with His wrath through a powerful nation who will gather together from the ends of the earth to attack them.

But the reader will be confused and perplexed by the great number of disputes and contradictions between the various commentaries and interpretations of these prophecies and their application to current events, and the multiplication of new sects and interpretations which increase with the passing of time.

However, we can assist the reader by pointing out that the majority of these opinions belong to one of two categories:

- 1) That these prophecies have already been fulfilled. This is an old opinion. The Jews in every age apply these prophecies to their circumstances in expectation of their salvation. This is similar to those Islamic states of history which were established in the name of the expected Mahdi, such as the Fatimids and the Mohades. People believed in them –and they still have followers- or as in the gospel of Matthew whose author had all the previous prophecies fulfilled in the first coming of Christ, which had a great effect on the Catholic Church, the majority of whose followers lean toward this opinion.

This opinion is the foundation on which the founders of the historical-critical school of Biblical interpretation during the period of the enlightenment. Some of them go so far as say that the statements of the prophets were dealing with events of the past, not predictions of the future. In this case they are not prophets, but merely storytellers. This view contradicts these prophecies in letter and in spirit, since how could Allah say to a prophet, “Arise and prophesy against Israel,” or “against Egypt,” or “against Edom,” when those events had already occurred?

There is no evidence that the events described preceded the era of the prophets other than conjecture, or rather, recklessness.

For this reason we have no difficulty refuting this opinion from its foundation, especially when history has become clearly exposed to us than it was to those of the past, so that there is no excuse for rejecting the prophecies altogether.

- 2) That these prophecies are literally, statements concerning the future, which is the logical option. Especially, since interpreting all of them to concern Christ's first advent contradicts reason as well as the facts, since they describe states, kingdoms and wars, which cannot possibly apply to the time of Christ. Despite this, the majority of the Jewish and Christian commentators and interpreters, especially in recent times, interpret these prophecies as concerning the age of salvation, or the messianic era. That is, the events of the latter days before or during the great judgment. The age of salvation according to the Christians, is connected to the second-coming of Christ, while the Jews hold that it is connected to the king from the descendants of David, whom they call, 'the Prince of Peace.'

This means that both sides, and both methods of study of the prophecies, agree that since the time of Jesus, or a short time thereafter, there have been no historical events that correspond to the prophecies, and it shall remain so until the events of the final hour. Without doubt this is an unfair allegation, which would not be put forth without an important cause.

Therefore, there must be some matter which they purposely seek to avoid, for them to flee from relating these prophecies to the historical period between their time and that of Christ. What is this matter? And why this insistence on leaving this gap to widen ever more which the passing of time, until it reaches perhaps thousands of years? (And Allah knows best).

Doubtlessly, this did not happen suddenly. Rather, they found that the greatest event in history during this period was the coming of

Muhammad –Allah’s blessings and peace be upon him- and the domination of his religion over all others, so they had but two choices:

- 1) To believe in what the prophecies reveal, or at least those which relate to Muhammad and his followers. This means believing in him or accepting that some of the prophecies concern him. This leads logically to the step beyond that, so that in the end one can easily and clearly replace the missing bricks in the structure of prophecy, and suddenly, the entire structure is a visible witness to the truth of Islam, its state, and its culture.

This has rarely been the path chosen by Christian or Jewish commentators, since in reality this means joining that chosen community, and being driven out by his own people.

- 2) Or else, to totally ignore everything related to this religion, and to conceal it in such way as to perplex everyone who examines it, which is by far the more popular choice among them.

It is necessary at this time to point out that the unbelievers of previous times (that is, the scholars of the middle-ages) were better than those of today, since they were unable to go beyond that stage, but they divided into several groups:

- 1) Some of them found no way out of acknowledging the prophethood of Muhammad –Allah’s blessing and peace be upon him- and that his coming, and the rule of his community was the greatest event in the entire history of the world. It is unreasonable that prophecies would come concerning local events of a small tribe – that is, Israel- and ignore the great event embodied in the destruction of the pagan world empires, and the establishment on their ruins, of a unified kingdom serving Allah, and venerating all His messengers, which is the kingdom that spread its authority and implemented justice and security of religion, person and property throughout most of the known world. But this glaring reality is in opposition to their blind religious zeal, so they decided that the way out of it was to claim that they are not required to follow the

law of Islam, and that Islam is the religion of the Arabs alone. One of the best known of those holding this view was Paul of Antioch, whose book was refuted by Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyya in his book, "*Al-Jawab al-Sabih liman Badala Din il-Masih*."

- 2) Others of them were unable to affirm his prophethood, and claimed that he was merely a ruler like Nebuchadnezzar or Sennacherib, and that the rule of his community was simply an extension of those pagan empires. In reality, they neither followed the prophecies, nor did they accept Islam, nor did they any service to their own prophet. Thus, they were fewer in number and less influential than the previous group.
- 3) Others among them went beyond all bounds in their extremism, turning the truth around, making the night day, and the day night. They claimed that Allah's Messenger –Allah's blessing and peace be upon him– was the Anti-Christ, or the False Prophet, or the Beast mentioned in the prophecies, and that those who fight him and his community are holy saints and sinless angels. This is the absurd interpretation which the Popes and monks who called to the crusader campaigns used to stir up the zeal of the ignorant masses and drive them to Muslim lands.¹⁵

The clearly negative results of these three opinions made the choice of silence and ignorance to be the preferred option among most researchers, especially those who hide behind scholarly objectivism.

These old opinions were nearly lost in the violent struggle in modern times between the Church and science on one hand, and between the various Christian sects on the other. This was accompanied by the nearly total subjugation of the Muslims to the Western powers, and the Jewish exodus from the ghetto and their pursuit of gold and usury, and the exclusive control of the Promised Land and the age of salvation. But the birth of the Zionist movement brought these matters back to the arena of religious faith and ideological debate.

¹⁵ See "In Pursuit of the Millennium"? by Norman Cohen.

The amazing thing is that the Zionist movement was not born Jewish, but is actually Christian in its origin and development. Its Jewish proponents came later and were secularists. One need only look at the Zionist communal farm, the 'kibbutz,' for an example of their application of the principals of socialism, and many Jews see the establishment of this state a violation of the divine law, and a forewarning of the destruction of the Jewish people. Because it was the Christian Zionist movement as represented in the aforementioned fundamentalism that started the battle all over again, which began and continues to circulate false interpretations of the prophecies, which considered the establishment of the Jewish state as the prelude to the coming of Christ, and which was thrilled by the failure of the peace process and the beginning of the latest *intifadha*.

It was they who exposed in practical form, the depths of that historical gap, and the doubt contained in their silence or ignoring. For that reason, the other Christian sects hastened to join the fracas after previously considering it a danger that should not be approached.

Thus, did world thought in general and future studies in particular fall into a raging chaos and violent crisis caused by the separation of and collision between acceptance that all of the prophecies concerning salvation, justice, peace, and the nation which Allah has chosen as a vehicle for His vengeance, which He will inflict upon the forces of unbelief, darkness and corruption, will not be realized except at the end of time at the hand of Christ, and the totally rational rejection of the claim that the establishment of the State of Israel and the dawn of the new millennium are the beginning of the end of time, and that that distant future is this present epoch. The cause of this is the contradictory nature of Biblical thought which sees one sect among them open the prophetic gap in history, while another comes to close the gap using that which is irrational and illogical.

In this way the truth which the followers of the Bible possess is dispersed either through intentional ignorance or purposeful distortion. As Allah says:

“Followers of the Bible, why do you mix truth with falsehood, and knowingly conceal the truth?”

Inverting of the facts is not the only crime of these Jews and Christians, but the severing of human hope for deliverance, and their loss of the expectation of the triumph of truth, good and peace is their other crime which should be acknowledged by reasonable people of every faith.

Since it is obvious that the intellectuals of the world, including those of America, will never believe in the future as depicted by these people, then where is deliverance and hope? Where are the divine wisdom, mercy and justice of which the scriptures speak, towards which humanity's inner nature points, and which has been confirmed by reason and witnessed by facts of history? Is this to be the grievous end of the human race that Allah has favored above all creation?

Since this cannot possibly be the case, and since the Muslim scholar alone is able to ascertain reality and enlighten humanity, because it is he who possesses both authentic revelation and sound reason, and because he adheres to fairness and academic neutrality, not out of fear of critics but due to his fear of Allah and in obedience to His commandments. For all of that we summon the Muslims to assume their duty in this regard, and hope that what we write here contains some reminder to them, and a notice of the coming of good and justice from every religion and nation. Especially, the Jews and Christians, a group of whom we hope will reexamine the prophecies in the light of the recension which we are now presenting to them.

8. The Prophecy of Daniel

Daniel is one of the prophets of Israel. His book is distinguished from most of the other books of the Bibles by several attributes, although it shares with them the general problem of the occurrence of distortion or alteration. Among its unique attributes are:

- 1) The clarity of the doctrine of monotheism. Daniel calls Allah Almighty the God of the heavens, unlike the books of the Bible that call Him the Lord of Hosts (a Jewish attribution which demonstrates their concept of God as well as their attitude towards humanity). He ascribes to Allah attributes that are not found in the other Biblical books. He is the All-Living, Eternal, Who possesses wisdom, force, knowledge, direction of and power over affairs. He is the Lord of Kings, Exposer of secrets, the only One deserving adoration and worship. Fortunetellers and astrologers are false, etc.
- 2) The prophecies found in his book are in harmony with the known reality of recorded history that is beyond doubt and dispute.
- 3) It contains clear prophecies of the seal of prophethood and the appearance of the eternal message.
- 4) His prophecies' specific numerical content has been the subject of research and debate throughout history.

As for the personality of Daniel himself, he most resembles the prophet Joseph, an oppressed stranger in a foreign land whom Allah nevertheless raises up with knowledge and the interpretation of the dreams of the king, the caller to monotheism who does not allow any persecution to distract him from his message.

In Islamic history there is a well-known event narrated by Ibn Ishaq, Ibn Abi Shayba, al-Bayhaqi, Ibn Abi Dunya and others, from the second-generation Muslims who participated in the conquest of the city of Tustar, including Abul-'Aliya and Muṭraf ibn Malik. The particular incident that concerns us here is that the conquering Muslim army discovered the tomb of Daniel. They found his body lying on its bier,

totally unchanged except for a few hairs on the back of his head. At his head was a scroll which they took and brought to `Umar who called Ka`b al-Aḥbar to translate it into Arabic. Abul-`Aliya says, “I was the first man to read [the Arabic translation].” The narrator from Abul-`Aliya states, “I asked Abul-`Aliya, ‘what was in it?’ He replied, ‘All of your history and affairs, the melody of your speech, and what is yet to happen.’”¹⁶

Thus, the text was translated into Arabic, and by none other than the proficient and experienced hands of Ka`b al-Aḥbar. It was read by whoever read it, and therefore it would not be farfetched to assume that it was read by Islamic scholars and writers on the subject of the predictions of the coming of Muhammad –Allah’s blessing and peace be upon him- found in the previous scriptures, such as Ibn Qutayba and Ibn Thafar. If not, and their source was versions of the Bible available to them in their era, then that is even better and stronger proof. The veracity of their narrations has never been challenged, and their Jewish and Christian contemporaries never denied their authenticity.

Rather, Ibn Qutayba said (as quoted by Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyya in *Al-Jawab al- Sahib*): “This prophecy is found among the Jews and Christians today. They read it and claim that the one predicted in it has not yet appeared.”

Even so, we will not rely on the reports transmitted by Muslim scholars, but on that which is possessed by the followers of the Bible in our day.

The Great Prophecy of Daniel:

King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that disturbed him. He summoned his magicians and fortune-tellers to interpret its meaning, but none of them were able to do so. But Daniel beseeched Allah, and He revealed to him the dream as well as its interpretation. When he entered into the presence of the ruler he said to him:

“The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king.

¹⁶ Ibn Kathir: *Al-Bidaya wal-Nihaya* 1:40-42, al-Bayhaqi: *Dala'il al-Nubuwa* 1:381, Ibn Abi Shayba: *Al-Musannif* 7:4, al-Kurmi: *Shifa' al-Sudur* –edition of Jamal Habib p336.

“But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days.”

He then explained it to the king:

“You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This image’s head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

“You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

“Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

“This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king.

“You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all –you are this head of gold.

“But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.

“Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

“And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be

left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

“Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold –the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.

“Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, prostrate before Daniel, and commanded that they should present an offering and incense to him.

“The king answered Daniel, and said, “Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret.” –2:21-48.

This is the actual text of the dream which is always described as the most famous and true of all the historical visions of the Bible. Its interpretation does not require great intelligence, and it is wrong to differ about its meaning when the prophet himself explained it. But the Jews and Christians sought to conceal its meaning and fabricated a dispute out of the envy of their own souls after the truth was made clear to them. For centuries they agreed about this vision and its meaning, without any doubt that it was literally true, that the first kingdom (the head of gold) was the kingdom of Babel, that the second (the chest of silver) was the kingdom of the Persians, that the third kingdom (the thighs of bronze) was the kingdom of the Greeks who attacked the Persians under the leadership of Alexander the Great of Macedonia in the year 333 B.C.E., and that the fourth kingdom (the legs of iron and the feet partly of iron and clay) was the Roman Empire which was divided into the Eastern Empire whose capital was Byzantium (Constantinople), and the Western Empire whose capital was Rome.

None of the followers of the Bible doubted this at all. Rather, they all –out of the force of their faith- awaited the fifth kingdom (the kingdom of God) which would destroy the kingdoms of idolatry, unbelief and oppression. Especially the fourth kingdom which persecuted them, for it was that kingdom which inflicted humiliation and degradation, and destroyed Jerusalem in the year 70 C.E., setting up idols in the sanctuary, as well as subjecting the Christians to all manner of

unprecedentedly loathsome and atrocious tortures at the hands of its pleasure-loving emperors, of whom the infamous tyrant Nero is only one example. They continued their persecution for three centuries until the emperor Constantine embraced a distorted version of Christianity, and the persecution of the Jews and Unitarians, as well as other opposing theologies within Christianity, continued until our own era.

THE FIVE KINGDOMS OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S VISION

(We have included here the kingdoms that preceded Nebuchadnezzar's for clarity)

Jewish Islamic David (ruled from 1013-973 B.C.E.) before Daniel
 State based on Solomon (from 973-933 B.C.E.)
 The Torah

Assyrians Sargon II (from 772-705 B.C.E.)

Chaldeans Nebuchadnezzar (from 630-562 B.C.E.)
 First Kingdom
 (head of gold)

Persians Cyrus (from 550-529 B.C.E.)
 Second Kingdom

Greeks (chest of silver)
 Alexander the Great (from 336-323 B.C.E.)
 Third Kingdom
 (thigh of bronze)

Romans 1)Augustus Caesar (27 B.C.E-14 C.E.) first
 Fourth Kingdom
 Roman emperor
 (legs of iron, feet
 2)Diocletian (from 284-305) divided empire of
 iron and clay)
 into Eastern and Western empires
 3)Constantine I founder of Constantinople
 who embraced Christianity (d.337)
 4)Heraclius (from 610-641) who lost the
 Holy Land to the forces of Islam

It was in this atmosphere of gloom and persecution that the Jews and Christians awaited the Fifth Kingdom with utmost patience. They knew with certainty that it would be established at the hand of the prophet of the latter days, whom they called the 'Prince of Peace,' on whose shoulders was found the seal of prophethood, and whom all the prophets had predicted. So much so that some of their rightly-guided scholars gathered together from Isaiah alone, thirty prophecies concerning him.¹⁷ They were aware of the time of his coming based on textual evidence and physical phenomena. They observed those signs until the day came when the pious and scholarly emperor Heraclius announced, "the kingdom of the circumcized has arrived." He was certain of this and attested as the leader of apostate Christianity to the leader of the Arab unbelievers, Abu Sufyan: "that his kingdom shall reach the place where I now stand (Syro-Palestine)," as is affirmed in the well-known and authentic hadith.

Yes, the divine fifth kingdom arose and ruled over the place where Heraclius stood, and he left Syria saying, "Farewell, Syria, a parting after which we will never meet again."

It arose and crushed the pagan kingdoms, and seized most of the known world, ruling with justice and peace. Its land area exceeded that of the moon, and it included under its banner a great portion of all the peoples of the world. It was only at this point that the Jews and Christians differed and disputed!

"The followers of the Bible differed not until there came to them clear evidence."

"And We granted them clear evidences of the matter, and they did not differ until knowledge had come to them, out of mutual hatred."

Some of them –and they were many- believed and were rightly-guided, and some of them disbelieved and in their unbelief broke into countless sects which continue to multiply and divide like bacteria.

Our interest here is to point out their disputes concerning the clear vision of Daniel:

¹⁷ *Muslimu Ablil-Kitab*, Dr. Muhammad al-Suhaym, pp 543-573.

They turned on their heels. After not disputing at all concerning the interpretation of the fourth kingdom (the Roman Empire) we find them distorting its interpretation and purposely delaying or transferring it, or at least obscuring its identity. All of this only to avoid affirming the last kingdom as we previously explained. The matter reached its climax and prime in the fundamentalist movement, 'Christian Zionism.'

Before we proceed to our outline of their interpretations, and their degree of correctness, we will mention that the vision draws an eloquent picture of the kingdoms of unbelief who worship idols carved by human hands, rather than worshipping Allah Almighty, that these kingdoms are in themselves, an idol, having a head, chest, thighs, legs and toes; an idol embodying all forms of paganism, so that the image of the mountain which would take their place becomes clear by contrast. It is a symbol of utmost simplicity and clarity, and what they have done is an appalling disfigurement totally out of harmony with this image.

In order to make the mountain to be the millennial reign of Christ's second-coming, as the Christians believe, or the Davidic kingdom headed by the Jewish messiah, as the Jews believe, they say that there is a gap in the prophecy of Daniel, and they place it between the legs and the feet! It is evident that the length of time between the head of the idol and its legs (that is, between the kingdoms of Babel under Nebuchadnezzar and Rome under Titus, the destroyer of Jerusalem) is no more than about six centuries. But this gap which they have fabricated between the legs and the feet is two thousand years! And the problem is that it will continue to grow until the end of the world. Imagine this strange idol with a gap between his upper and lower body that continues growing day after day!

It is an image which the mind cannot believe, and that no artist can accept, and no observer can appreciate.

We have seen why they fabricated this gap, so the question now is: how can they close the gap?

They have expropriated 'spare parts' removed from another idol, which they want to solder onto this idol! This is counterfeit will not succeed, but it has, without doubt, cast a dark cloud over the symbolism, and upon which we must cast light.

They discovered that Daniel had another vision –or more correctly, his book contains another vision in the seventh chapter: the

vision of the four beasts. So they stole the fourth beast and mounted him on the idol in a way that brings to mind the Piltdown man who was fabricated by some Darwinists who wanted to find the missing link of evolution, and so put together pieces of a human skull with those of an ape. The difference is that religious imposture is worse than any other kind.

The other vision says that Daniel saw four great beasts come up from the sea: the first was like a lion with the wings of an eagle, the second was like a bear with three ribs in its mouth, the third was like a leopard with four wings and four heads, and the fourth was a beast, dreadful and strong with teeth of iron which devoured the other beasts, and trampled them beneath its feet. It had ten horns, and another little horn which came up in the midst of them, before which three of them fell. Then eyes and a human mouth appeared on this horn, and it spoke words of blasphemy and unbelief. The end of the little horn would be its destruction at the hand of the Ancient of Days, Lord of the Throne, Who is served by thousands and thousands.

The other beasts will remain, but their power is removed from them. (Daniel 7)

The vision explains itself that the fourth beast is the fourth kingdom of the earth which is unlike the other kingdoms, and which will devour all the earth and trample it beneath its feet. The ten horns of this kingdom are ten of its rulers who will arise, after which another will arise who is different than his predecessors, and will subdue three kings, and who will speak words against the Most High.

Finally, his rule is destroyed at the hands of the 'saints of the Most High,' to whom this vision repeatedly asserts, will triumph in the end, and who possess the everlasting kingdom.

Perhaps because the fourth beast has teeth of iron and the fourth kingdom was of iron, they claim that the fourth beast and the fourth kingdom are the same. Especially, since they are both the 'fourth.' They claimed that this kingdom is a symbol for Europe, in which there will be ten nation-states to which the world will submit before the coming of Christ.

According to this there will be a fifth kingdom, which is the millennial reign upon Christ's Second Coming. This opinion can be easily refuted in several ways:

- 1) By asking: “Then what is the interpretation of the other three beasts?” No matter how they interpret it, it will not be correct, and will contradict with the interpretation of Daniel himself. How can the first three kingdoms of the idol be the ancient kingdoms, while the fourth is modern Europe? There is a clear dissimilarity. Sound logic dictates that either both visions must be interpreted together, or else they must be considered separately, which is the correct approach.
- 2) The beasts appeared together and were vanquished by the fourth beast all at the same time. But the kingdoms of the first vision appear successively, each defeating the one that precedes it.
- 3) The four beasts appear from the Great sea, but the four kingdoms were established in the middle-east, where the fifth (Islamic) kingdom also appeared, and then spread east and west until in the days of the Mongols and Turks it spread to Northern Europe and conquered all of Eastern Europe.
- 4) The three beasts were vanquished by the fourth, but remained alive, but the three kingdoms were totally annihilated.
- 5) The interpretation of the second vision is false in itself, since it mentions a beast with ten horns and explains that it is a kingdom with ten kings. Therefore, their interpretation that it is ten neighboring kingdoms is false.

Likewise, the claim that these ten kingdoms are the European Alliance during the time of Napoleon, as Bates (p251) mentions, or the current European Union as contemporary Christian fundamentalists claim, is neither correct as interpretation, nor in reality. It contradicts both visions, and contradicts reality. America alone today is stronger than the entire European Union, and the European Union does not consist of ten states, but more.

We do not want to embark on the interpretation of the vision, but we are able to say that the four beasts that came up from beyond the

Great Sea are the 'lion' of the British empire, and the 'bear' of the Soviet communist state. As for the third, which had the appearance of a leopard with four heads and four wings, it may be the four Catholic colonial states of France, Italy, Spain and Portugal, or it could be the eight Asian 'tigers.'

Naturally, the fourth beast which ate and trampled the others is the United States of America (or NATO in general). As for the saints who will crush America, there is no need to interpretation, we need only wait shortly to see.

We say to the fundamentalists:

If you like this interpretation, take it and take a break, if you reject it as supposition and guesswork, well, yes. But whose guess is more likely? Why is your guess so certain and ours is just conjecture?

But there are at least two matters of certainty:

- 1) Rome with its horns, as the Prophet –may Allah's blessing and peace be on him- informed us: "Persia will need one or two thrusts, and Allah will open it, but Rome has horns. Each time one horn is destroyed another arises."¹⁸
- 2) The battle between them and us will continue until the final conquest of Rome and the descent of Christ from heaven, but the time of this event is known only to Allah. Based on that, nobody knows the number of Rome's horns except Allah. Perhaps the ten mentioned in the vision have no meaning and are merely symbolic, which is one of their well-known points of view concerning the numerology of the Bible. That is, if we do not say that the vision contains distortion or addition.

In any case, we know that this vision, and the controversy concerning it, will not excite people's interest unless we identify the blasphemous little horn. Some of them claim that it is the Islamic state, and that the blasphemy is Muslim rejection of the divinity of Christ.

¹⁸ Ibn Abi Shayba 4:206, al-Haythami 2:713, Nu`aym ibn Hammad "*Al-Fitin*" 2:479.

This is amazing. How can the great, everlasting fifth kingdom be one small horn of a beast, who has ten other great horns? How could the Islamic empire that embraced the Arabs, Persians, Turks, Berbers, Africans, Indians, Tartars, and others be merely a horn of Rome –and a small one at that?

When researching these matters gets this extreme, it requires us to ignore such nonsense, especially since there is absolutely no connection between Christ and his divinity, and this vision. Actually, the entire book of Daniel is monotheistic.

Some of them interpret the little horn as the beast mentioned in the book of Revelation. We must here apologize to our Muslim readers for the abandon with which we mention all manner of strange animals. Don't worry. We're not going to show that long horror film called the book of Revelation! But we do hope that you will consider this beast for a brief moment, only seconds of this film, so as to understand how millions of people in the West have wasted their work hours –or work days- and that books on this subject are the most popular in America.

What harm would it do for us to spend a few minutes or pages to direct them to the right path and save them from much toil?

The book of Revelation says:

“Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.” –13:1-3.

T.B. Bates¹⁹ (one of the best commentators on Revelation) attempts to get at the heart of the matter, to identify for his people, the blasphemous little horn which comes up among the horns of Rome, but is unable for several reasons:

- 1) Which is common to all researchers in this field: the confusion of truth and falsehood in the books of the

¹⁹ The author of “The Proclamation of the Lord Jesus Christ” a commentary on Revelation which is well known among Christians of the Middle-east in its Arabic translation.

Bible, and the impossibility of distinguishing that which has been distorted from that which is unchanged, as well as additions and subtractions from the text.

- 2) Which is common to him and most researchers of his faith, which is to interpret all the prophecies as being about the coming of Christ, and to ignore that which conforms to Islam in its message, culture, and kingdom.
- 3) Which is his alone, which is that he died before the establishment of the Abomination of Desolation 'Israel,' so it was difficult for him to interpret events with accuracy.

However, due to the unique characteristics of his commentary, we will take it as an example in order to find the correct methodology.

Bates decides that the beast is the same as the little horn of Daniel's prophecy (although we should note that Revelation has two beasts!), at the same time it is the new form assumed by the Roman empire, which will assail the world before the coming of Christ to establish his kingdom –which is the final, eternal kingdom according to him.

Because he saw that the prophetic gap is very large, spanning too many centuries to be plugged with ten kings, even if each king ruled for a hundred years, he produced a new interpretation, that the horn is not a king. Rather, it is one of the forms of government, such as republic, or empire, for example. Each form has its own many rulers. However, he does not explain for us all the forms, but merely holds that the sixth one is empire, and that the seventh one is yet to come. As for the eighth and final one, it is the government of the beast who is the little horn (p 186).

It is a unique, or rare, occasion to discover among the statements of these people despite their length and elaborate detail, carefully considered words such as his, the first part of which resembles the statements of Muslim scholars:

“We notice the apparent agreement between this beast and the little horn of Daniel, as the little horn makes war on the saints and defeats them (Dan 7:21).

“So is the beast is allowed to make war on the saints and defeat them (Rev 13:7).

“And as in Daniel the horn speaks words in opposition to the Most High (7:25).

“So does the beast in Revelation open his mouth and speak blasphemy against God (13:6).

“As the authority of the little horn remains for a time, two times, and half a time (Dan 7:25).

“So does the authority of the beast remain for forty-two months (Rev 13:5). Which is the same period mentioned by Daniel despite the difference of their terminology (pp 189-190).”

Let us pause here briefly since these people must contradict and confuse the mind. How could there be a form of government ruled over by a series of kings, but the length of their entire reign is this short period? Furthermore, he does not stick to one opinion, but sometimes makes it to be a ruler, and other times makes it to be a group of collaborators –as we shall see.

Let us follow along with him, the conditions and events connected with the beast, so that we can understand who this little beast really is.

Bates decides that:

- 1) The beast will be in Jerusalem (p 193), and that Jerusalem is “the center point around which gather all the events mentioned here in the language of symbol” (p 194). We should remind the reader that he wrote this when Jerusalem was nearly forgotten by them, except for a few tourists and pilgrims.
- 2) The beast is Israelite, but he cares nothing for YHW, the god of the nation, nor for the promised messiah, the hope of the nation, nor even for the false gods towards which the nation often turns.
- 3) The beast forms an alliance with the head of the Roman Empire, the power center of the world (p 200).
- 4) Bates is certain that this Roman leader is not one of the previous despots, but will come at the time of the establishment of the abomination of desolation, of

which Daniel speaks, and which is later mentioned again by Christ. He says:

“From many passages of God’s Word (the Bible), it is clear that the ten tribes will gather in Jerusalem after their redemption and release (that is, before the Second Coming of Christ). There they will endure the fire of great poverty at its worse, whereas Israel who reject Christ will have already gathered there previously (p 217).” That is, in the day of the Lord’s wrath upon the state of the abomination of desolation, of which we will present a chapter title: “the Day of the Lord’s Wrath.”

Once again we should mention that he died long before the establishment of the State of Israel.

- 5) The government of the beast will be in atheistic manner of the western system, not according to revealed guidance. Moreover, it will be one of the greatest causes of atheism and oppression. He says: “In Western Europe the chosen homeland of civilization, freedom, enlightenment and advancement, the result of the interaction of those human principles is the establishment of the government of the beast, the confluence of tyranny, oppression, misery and blasphemy.” (p 238)
- 6) Under the leadership of the beast, Bates decides that, based on his interpretation of Daniel, “there will be a temporary union of allied governments.” (p 251) He described the alliance which the new Roman empire will take as, “ the ten kings who rule it will of one accord present their rule to the beast.” (p 253)

What is really amazing is that “it is not the beast who forces them to obey his order, but it is a voluntary action which they choose for themselves” (p253).

Similarly, it is not necessary for the beast to rule as king, but “through the medium of his influence on the councils and cabinets in the land of the old Roman empire, or at least its western sector.” (p 254)

Once again we remind the reader that he wrote this before the establishment of the United Nations, and the appearance of Zionist

control over western politics in general, and American politics in particular.

- 7) Concerning the enemy of the beast and the battle between them, Bates says: “The alliance between the Roman Empire and the unbelieving Jews does not prevent the attack of the army of the North, which because of the idolatrous worship in Jerusalem at the time, will overcome them like a torrential flood, and bring about the ruin of the land.” (p 214)
- 8) As for the meaning of the army of the North we find that he says: “The rulers of the East will gather their forces in order to attack the borders of the beast’s kingdoms, and from the other side, the beast will gather his forces in agreement with the kings of the West, and will advance towards the ominous battle of Armageddon. (p 240)
- 9) Finally, Bates tells us about the outcome of the battle: “Little did the beast and his sinful assistants dream that they would be taken away as prisoners from the battle field towards which they had rushed, and that they would be cast alive into the torments of the lake of eternal fire, and little did the suffering saints in hiding in the mountains and caves, dare to hope that they would raise their heads up at the end of the matter.

Now that we know the beast, we ask, does this end only with Armageddon at the hands of Christ? That idea is a common error of Christian commentators, and some Muslim researchers as well. The difference is that the former do not take into account logic and reason, and Allah’s customary dealings in history. As for the Muslims, they usually search for natural laws with which to explain incidents. The Muslims are like those who lose their way by day, but the Christians are like those whose entire journey is in darkness, except for a few glimpses of light.

As we said, Bates nearly finds the truth. In order to assist the readers to find it themselves, we will quote his summary of the events as

he explained them (p 213), omitting the Christian elements, and keeping the subject within appropriate limits, we read:

“The Roman empire will return to existence...the Jewish bloc will have returned to Jerusalem, mostly without faith [we add: most assuredly]...and while they are in Jerusalem a mighty force will threaten those returned people, in order for the Jewish bloc to protect itself from that force it... signs a treaty with the great leader who will become the ruler of the Roman empire in its new era... except that the alliance between the Roman Emperor and the unbelieving Jews does not present the invading army... which because of the idolatrous worship in Jerusalem at the time, will overcome them like a torrential flood.” (213-214)

If we were to rewrite the subject we would simply say:

- 1) The State of Israel is the little horn among their great colonial horns, and has returned to the holy land as a defiling invader.
- 2) The beast, or two beasts are Zionism with its two faces, one Jewish, the other Christian.
- 3) The Jews in general and the Zionists in particular are missionaries of atheism and corruption in the world, and include most of the atheistic thinkers such as Marx, Freud, Durkheim, Marcuse, Herzl, Schiller, Bergson, and Martin Weber.
- 4) The establishment of the abomination of desolation in Jerusalem is the Jewish occupation, and their setting it up as the capital of their government. We will go into detail about this shortly.
- 5) The new Roman Empire is the United States of America, or you could say that the name includes the entire West. In this case it meshes with the new Babylon mentioned in other prophecies. This further underlines the scope of power and authority that is given to the beast. We will see the end of this serpent along with the end of his abomination of desolation during the Day of Allah's Wrath.

- 6) The army which shall come from the North or from the East is the Muslim *mujahidun*. This will also be explained shortly in another prophecy.

In this case there is no difficulty with the rest of the story with its alliances, war, and the coming of wrath of Allah, except that it is necessary to point out another reason to modify Bate's statements, which is that the concept of the trinity which has corrupted their belief, has also corrupted their minds. On page 211 he forgets everything he previously said and affirms that the three persons called the little horn, the beast, and the head of the empire are all in fact, one and the same person.

The important point is that a change of that type does not alter the substance of the scenario. All that he has done is change the names of some of the actors.

The essential element in the drama is the return of the Jews to the Holy Land not with faith, but with their ancient unbelief, and their new atheism. In this way they established their state, which Daniel calls the abomination of desolation, on the holy and blessed land, which is the subject of the next chapter.

9. The Abomination of Desolation

The abomination of desolation is a very important Biblical term. It is quite clear, but the Christians have, as usual, surrounded it with a ring of obscurity concerning the term and its interpretation.

This term has been translated in various ways such as: 'beast of desolation,' 'abominable desolation,' as well as interpretive translations such as: 'transgression of desolation,' 'desolation of transgression,' and it has even been rendered more clearly as 'the kingdom of transgression.' As for Bates, he has determined that it is the 'abominable destroyer.' It can also be translated as the 'unclean' or 'abominable destroyer.' Perhaps the most correct translation, and the one most in harmony with Allah's Words, is to call it the 'abominable corruptor' or the 'corrupting abomination.'

Let us read what the book of Daniel says about it, since it is he who gave the term its great historical importance. But let us begin my explaining that after the first angel explained to Daniel the vision of the previously mentioned four beasts, he concluded with a definitive conclusion:

"Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him. This is the end of the account."

However, Daniel was greatly disturbed, and needed more understanding. It is as if he understood that the dream of the idol was general, and connected to the king who saw it, while the vision of the four beasts especially concerned himself. So he desired a clearer explanation of what would happen in the near future, as well as at the end of time, which are the two eras of interest to most people. As for the near future, everybody, wise or ignorant, strives to understand the development of humanity and the events which occur during his own lifetime. As for the distant future, the end is always a subject of question and interest: The end of the world, the end of his own nation, the end of the people of faith, or of unbelief, especially, for one who is a prophet or a follower of the prophets.

Thus, we have the third vision:

“I lifted up my eyes and saw, and there, standing beside the river, was a ram which had two horns, and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no animal could withstand him; nor was there any that could deliver from his hand, but he did according to his will and became great.

“And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the surface of the whole earth, and without touching the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between its eyes.

“Then he came to the ram with two horns... and ran at him with furious power. And I saw him confronting the ram; he was moved with rage against him, attacked the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power to the ram to withstand him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled him...

“Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in its place four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven. And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land. And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them.

“He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down. Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered.

“Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, ‘How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled underfoot?’ And he said to me, ‘For two-thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary²⁰ shall be cleansed.’” (8:3-13)

²⁰ Translator’s note: The Hebrew and Arabic word for used here for sanctuary: *qds*, is identical to the Arabic name for Jerusalem.

According to one of the Catholic translations it is:

“For two-thousand three hundred days; then the rights of the sanctuary shall be returned to it.”

Thus, did Daniel ask the angel to interpret the vision, so he said to him:

“Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the time of the end...Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be.

“The ram which you saw, having the two horns –they are the kings of Media and Persia. And the male goat is the king of Greece. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king. As for the broken horn and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.

“And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their fullness, a king shall arise, having fierce features, who understands sinister schemes. His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; he shall destroy fearfully, and shall prosper and thrive; he shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people. Through his cunning he shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; and he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without human means.

“And the vision of the evenings and mornings which was told is true; therefore seal up the vision, for it refers to many days in the future.” (8:2-26)

However, the desire for knowledge increases. Especially, since Daniel lived during a time of great events in the struggle between the two empires of Babylon and Persia. He was very concerned for the future of his wretched, captive people, and he was very concerned for Jerusalem and who would conquer it. So he began to beseech, cry and pray to Allah until showed him a vision of more detail concerning times and numbers. However, its interpretation is very difficult. Without doubt

they have distorted it, and changed its clarity and accuracy into obscurity. It is the well-known vision of the weeks, in which the angel says:

“Seventy weeks are determined for your people, and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring an everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until the Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks...

“And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined. Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.” (9:24-27)

According to the Catholic translation:

“A prince will come and destroy the city and the sanctuary, and its end will be by flood. Until the end shall be the killing and desolation that have been determined. In one week he will make a covenant with many, a firm covenant, but in the middle of the week he will end the sacrifices and offerings. In the wing of the temple will be the abomination of desolation, until the consummation is determined to finish the desolate.”

It is because of this obscurity that we assert the occurrence of distortion, although scholars have gone to great lengths to interpret this prophecy so that it will conform to the birth of Christ, or the sending of Muhammad –Allah’s blessing and peace be on them.

In any case, Daniel understood the time line of events. But how would they happen? The human has a strong desire to understand, and the Lord is generous in giving every time. So Daniel went back to his prayers and petitions, and the angel came to him and said:

“Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.” (10:14)

Here we should note the repeated advice that the time of the fulfillment of the vision would be delayed, so that Daniel would not err in this regard. This is because Daniel wanted to know about the near future, but the vision concerned what the more important end-times of the distant future. Thus, the angel advises Daniel not to forget that, and suppose that it concerned the near future. Nevertheless, he informed him about the wars that would occur between the kings of Persia and Greece, and the king of the North and the king of the South. The portion which interests us is his saying:

“And forces shall be mustered by him [the king of the North], and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.” –(11:31)

He refers to a pagan government that will conquer the sanctuary of Jerusalem and establish their worship there. The followers of the Bible disagree about their identity. That is not our concern, but what concerns us is to explain the other abomination of desolation which will be set up by the beast, or the little horn in the land itself, which is a state. The name here is the same, but what is mentioned here is pagan, while the later one is Israelite.

His discussion of these events is concluded with the arrival of the final hour, and the day of resurrection, then he says to Daniel:

“But you Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end.” However, the two angels talk to each other so that Daniel can hear them and understand:

“When the power of the holy people is completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.”

At this point Daniel says:

“Although I heard I did not understand. Then I said, “My lord, what shall be the end of these things?” And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end...And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest.”

So the book ends and Daniel rests, especially, since he learns that Jerusalem will have its rights restored in forty-five years. But the Jews and Christians have not rested, and will have no rest about the meaning of these events, except for those who leave aside their partisanship and open their eyes to the truth. Yes, they have tired themselves, and tired the world, and tired us.

The preceding was a brief treatment of the most important of all the Biblical prophecies: the book of Daniel. From it we take note of several matters:

- 1) A clearer picture of the ‘little horn.’ He is a devious, treacherous conspirator who is not established by his own power, but through the power of others. His enemies are the holy people, the followers of the seal of the prophets. He lords himself over them, and overthrows the leader of their rulers (the caliph) without an army. His most wicked deed is his subjugation and defilement of Jerusalem with his forces, his canceling of the daily prayers,²¹ and his destruction of the House of Allah. He will establish his state there which is called the ‘abomination of desolation.’
- 2) This little horn will do so during the days of the rule of the last kingdom, the kingdom of the Holy ones, not during the days of the Persians and Romans. The

²¹ The actual biblical term translated as ‘daily sacrifices’ is ‘*tamid*’ literally: ‘continual, perpetual,’ and refers to acts of worship that are done continually on a daily basis, and thus, could refer to the daily prayers as well as the Temple sacrifices.

establishment of the unclean state does not mean the end of that everlasting kingdom. This is emphasized throughout the book. It is simply an event that occurs for a limited time at a certain place. It is in no way comparable to vision of the idol, in which one kingdom falls and another is established in its place, nor is it comparable to the vision of the four beasts in which one huge, frightening beast defeats the others. No, it is nothing like that at all. He is a little horn, and the extent of his power is limited. But his conspiracy is large, and his shrewdness is great, and behind him stands the great power in support of him. This is accompanied by the straitened circumstances [referred to by Daniel in 12:1] and great weakness of the holy people, however, their straitened circumstances end, and the saints are once again granted victory. They celebrate the day that the abomination of desolation is removed, and Jerusalem is purified.

This wicked, corrupt little horn destroys and builds. He destroys the sanctuary of Allah, and sets up the abomination of desolation in its place. For this reason some of Biblical commentators say that it is an idol set up in the temple. In actuality it is the temple that will be set up in the sanctuary [the mosque]. This does not contradict the meaning of 'abomination' [or defilement]. A foreign, enemy structure cannot be set up within the holy place of a nation, except by force. Thus, an abomination is what it is in both its general and particular meanings. In general, it is the establishment of the unholy state itself, and the particular instance is the setting up of the idol, or abomination that is worshipped or in which they worship.

Likewise, the idol cannot be removed from the house of Allah except by force. That is what the Prophet –Allah's blessing and peace be on him- did when he conquered Makkah, and that is what his followers will do when they enter the sanctuary of Jerusalem and find that an unholy structure is set up there by an unholy state.

It is possible that the only abomination there will be the flag of the Zionist state. Therefore, most of the commentators do not doubt that the establishment of the abomination is the establishment of an

unholy, destructive state in the land of Jerusalem. But what is this state? Each of the three religions which venerate Jerusalem have established states there, or conquered it, and there is no doubt that only one out of the three is the abomination.

By this we are able to identify this state, not only from the statements of Daniel alone, but from history and reality. The important matter here is that this state will arise after Christ, since, as in Matthew and other gospels he relates the words of Daniel and explains that it will be in the latter days, as will be explained in greater detail soon. This demonstrates the error of that the setting up of the abomination of desolation occurred before the time of Christ, or that it means the idol of Zeus that was erected in the temple, or that it refers to the events shortly after his ascension in 70 or 135, for many reasons:

- 1) Those events were normal in course of history, and Jewish history in particular witnessed many similar events.
- 2) The Jews of that time were unbelievers due to their rejection of Christ, but those events will occur to those who believe in his message.
- 3) Those events were not in accord with the times and conditions specified by Daniel and Christ. Moreover, they are not in accord with the descriptions found in most of the prophetic books of the return of the Jews, their unholy gathering, and their judgment by Allah and the sending down of His wrath upon them by the hand of His chosen nation, as will be explained to the full satisfaction of our readers.

Jewish commentators, due to their rejection of Christ and his message, do not even consider his statements, and because of this interpret the abomination of desolation as an idol set up in the temple. Thereafter, they are confused and differ concerning the time when this occurred or will occur. Some of them place it in the time before Christ, and some of them after, and they are extremely contradictory concerning the time which Daniel specified with such precision, especially those who understand by 'days' the usual meaning of the term. As for those who interpret it as years, they must admit that it has not occurred and will not except after two thousand, three-hundred years have passed.

Especially since in all of history there has never been a state that came after 2,300 days and established a state that lasted for 45 days, and then passed away. This would be such a trivial event that it wouldn't even deserve to be recorded in history, except as a footnote.

This is because the Biblical prophecies themselves specifically refer to years as 'days,' such as in Ezekial (4:6): "I have laid on you a day for each year," and in the text of the vision itself: "Blessed is he who waits," does not mean forty-five days, but one who waits for forty-fives years.

Furthermore, we have the witness of the Jews themselves. A large segment of them believed, and still do believe, that the Zionist entity which exists today is the abomination. They have continually warned their followers about Zionist ideology in the past and present. They have a deep faith that the Jewish gathering is taking place so that the vengeance of Allah's wrath can be poured down upon them. This is a large movement in America and elsewhere. They have large communities in the occupied territories themselves, including Rabbi Hirsch, leader of the 'Naturei Karta [Guardians of the City]' and the minister for Jewish affairs in the cabinet of Arafat's Palestinian Authority.²² Other Jews believe this fact also, but interpret it in a secular manner, such as the philosopher and linguist Noam Chomsky. Enough then from the Jews, let us see what the Christians say.

The common mistake of both camps is that they consider the abomination of desolation to be of a people other than the Jews. Both religions consider people other than the Jews to be idolaters. In this case, it is easy to describe any idolatrous state as an abomination. Bates himself, despite his admission that the Jews will be idolaters in their worship, interprets the abomination as the 'Kingdom of Assyria,' which will invade the holy land in the latter days (p 209).

Perhaps he can be excused since he wrote this before the establishment of the State of Israel. Nobody imagined the establishment of a Jewish

²² Translator's note: He is referring here to the ultra-orthodox or 'Haredi' Jews whose main centers are in New York and Jerusalem. They are divided between non-Zionists and Anti-Zionists. They are represented by parties such as Agudath Israel and Naturei Karta.

state. For this reason, he does not call them a state after their return to Jerusalem, but a 'bloc' or group, as we have previously seen.

Furthermore, he and others like him, imagined that the Jews would be oppressed by a gentile state (the Arabs), and so they would quickly turn to faith in Christ at the approach of the millennium, or at the time of his descent, which would be a great miracle as, in the words of Macintosh:

"The entire world on that day will be baffled, 'How did this unclean nation become holy to the Lord?'"²³

He explains it by the fact that "only a third of them will be saved from the consuming fire and poverty," by which he is referring to the end of the unholy state as depicted in the prophetic books, which will be featured in an upcoming chapter.

Thus, they possess half the truth, which is the Jew's unbelief and unholiness, but as far as their possessing a state, that is the half which they lack. Yet, without doubt, they are better than the other commentators and historians on whom contemporary fundamentalists rely, including Stephen Ronsman, author of the well known book concerning the crusades, who said:

"One day in the month of February, 638, the Caliph `Umar entered Jerusalem..."

"The Patriarch Saphronius came to the side of the Caliph, since he was considered the chief administrator of the surrendered city. Upon which `Umar immediately proceeded towards the site of the Temple of Solomon from which his companion Muhammad ascended into heaven. While the Patriarch stood watching him, he recalled the words of Christ, and began uttering them through his tears, 'when you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel...'

"That was the last public service done by the Patriarch, which was the dramatic culmination of a long life which he spent in service of Orthodoxy, and the unity of the Christian world."²⁴

Sharing this opinion is the Arab Christian historian Phillip Hitti.²⁵

²³ Quoted in the commentary of Revelation, from the Arabic magazine: "*Al-Maraai al-Khudbraa*" July 1934, p 16.

²⁴ History of the Crusades pp 17,18.

²⁵ *Al-Bashara bi Nabiy il-Islam*, Ahmad al-Saqa Hijazi (2:208).

Rightly-guided Jews and Christians turned to refute this. Moreover, some of them mention the biblical prophecy of `Umar's entry into Jerusalem, without knowing who made this shameless statement. That is, the verse in the book of Zechariah:

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; he is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; the battle bow shall be cut off. His dominion shall be ‘from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.’”²⁶

This is the prophecy which the Christians interpret –in spite of itself- as meaning the entry of Christ into Jerusalem as a lone visitor.²⁷ Even if the Islamic conquest is not mentioned in any prophecy, and if its conqueror had not been `Umar himself, the attribute of abomination or uncleanness is as far away as possible from the Islamic community of monotheism and its great conquests, which brought the people out of darkness, oppression and uncleanness into light and purity. This is the witness of all of history –praise be to Allah- rejected only by arrogant fools, sickened by bigotry and blinded by hatred.

Furthermore, it cannot apply to that event in any case since it must occur 2,300 later, whether beginning from Daniel's death, or from the Seleucid year, since Daniel died in 456 B.C.E., and between that year and the Islamic conquest was only 1091 (453+638) years, and if you calculate according to the Seleucid year it was only 971 years later (333+638).

At this point we must turn to Daniels numerology, although we would prefer to delay discussing it since the confirmed facts and events of history are adequate for our purpose. However, it is necessary in order to complete the picture:

Daniel says that the abomination of desolation will be set up in 2,300 years –as we have explained. The terms ‘how long?’ ‘until’ are frequently repeated, both within the vision itself, and in other books of the Bible. It is an error of the translator, or a too-literal translation.

²⁶ 9:9,10.

²⁷ No previous ruler of the Persians or Romans had ever achieved complete control of the land from the Persian coast to the Mediterranean, and from the Euphrates to Aden. This only happened to `Umar and his successors of the Eternal Kingdom.

Especially, as we have seen, there is emphasis that it shall occur at the latter day, at the far-distant time of the indignation

None of the commentators who interpret the days as years disagree with us in this regard, and we have clearly understood the baselessness of its literal translation as common days. So what is the source of the dispute and confusion? It is possible to learn the various opinions from Chauncy's commentary, which he claims to have gathered from eighty-five Biblical commentaries, in which he says (as summarized by Rahmat-Allah al-Hindi):

"From the earliest times it has been very difficult for scholars to ascertain and define the time of the commencement of the event to which this vision refers.

"The majority of the scholars have concluded that the time of its commencement is certainly one of the four periods in which four royal commands were issued by the kings of Persia:

- 1) Cyrus, who issued his ordinance in 636 B.C.
- 2) The king Darius, who issued his orders in 518 B.C.
- 3) Artaxerxes, who gave his commands about Ezra in 458 B.C.
- 4) The king Artaxerxes, who issued his ordinance to Nehemiah in 444 B.C.

"The days mentioned in this vision are not days as usually understood, but days signifying years. Keeping this in mind, the ending of the period of this vision would be as follows:

- 1) According to the first command of Cyrus it would end in 1764.
- 2) According to the second of Darius it would end in 1782.
- 3) According to the third command of Artaxerxes it would be in 1843.
- 4) According to the fourth ordinance it would end in 1856.

Chauncy, who wrote his book in 1838, says:

"The first and second periods have passed, and the third and fourth remain. The strongest in my opinion, is the third, of which I am sure."

According to us and the whole world today, this was an error, so what more can be said?

Chauncy says:

“According to some, its beginning is the Greek Alexander’s attacking the King of Asia (that is Darius of Persia), and according to this the end point will of the prophecy will be in the year 1966.”²⁸

Shaykh Rahmat-Allah (who died in 1891) adds:

“If the falsehood of the first and second periods were apparent in his lifetime, as he himself acknowledged, and the falsehood of the third, which according to him is the strongest, is apparent, and likewise the falsehood of the fourth...then only the fifth period remains.”²⁹

Since the purpose of the Shaykh was to refute all Biblical prophecies so as to demonstrate that they are distorted or doubtful, he also expected that the fifth would be false, and said:

“Those who are alive at that time will see that it too is false, God willing.”

Moreover, when the Shaykh quoted the statements of those of them who say that it is reality which will demonstrate the truth of this prophecy, he rejected it with scorn, saying that they are to be excused since it is the words of the prophecy itself which are corrupted.³⁰

Allah have mercy on Shaykh Rahmat-Allah, he could have suspended judgment since it is rash to firmly reject the occurrence of something which is a reasonable possibility, despite the fact that his purpose was to confirm the existence of distortion in the text of the Bible. Since it is agreed that not every word of the Bible is distorted, the least one can do is leave open the possibility of its occurrence.

Furthermore, that being the Shaykh’s purpose, he did not attempt to rule on the relative strength or weakness of the last opinion, which is necessary, so we say:

The cause of the error of the four opinions is determining the commencement of the period by the proclamation of imperial decrees concerning the restoration of Jerusalem, which is not mentioned in the vision itself (the vision of the ram and goat), it is only mentioned in the aforementioned vision of the toes, which is a different vision altogether, and in our opinion, the phrase ‘from the going forth of the command’ is an interpolation, and Allah knows best. Therefore, those who interpret

²⁸ *Ithbar al-Haqq*, al-Hindi, pp 128,129 in the English version; 93,94 in the Arabic. The last two paragraphs are not found in the English translation.

²⁹ Ibid. p94 in the Arabic edition.

³⁰ Ibid.

the commencement as the appearance of Alexander are more correct, since they derived it from the text itself. Its commencement is from the incident of his conquering Asia which was in the year 334 according to some, but was 333 according to the most correct and well-known opinion. This calendar remained in worldwide use until the Church devised the Christian calendar.

According to this the establishment of the abomination of desolation would be $(2300-333)=1967$, which is what actually happened, which was a very painful event for the nation of the saints, and of great joy to the Zionists and fundamentalists.

Indeed, disregarding the numerology and prophecies, it was the greatest event in Jewish history in nearly two-thousand years.

Now we have seen the establishment of the abomination of desolation, in all its abomination and its desolation, its barbarity and atrocity, its idolatry and blasphemy, its cancellation of the daily prayers in the Aqsa Mosque, and its destruction and burning. We ask Allah's protection from their evil and to preserve what remains of His sanctuary. Now we will go back to Christ's statement about it so as to see whether these Evangelical Zionists are truly Christians as they claim, or followers of the Zionist beast, whether they know it or not.

According to Matthew:

"Now as [Jesus] sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will these things [the destruction of the Temple] be? And what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?'"

"And Jesus answered them and said to them: 'Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows...Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many people...But he who endures to the end will be saved [through the preaching of:]...this gospel [or message of good news] of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

“Therefore, when you see the “abomination of desolation,” spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (whoever reads let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes...

“Then if anyone says to you, “Look, here is the Christ!” or “There!” do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. Therefore, I they say to you, “Look, he is in the desert!” Do not go out; or “Look, he is in the inner rooms!” do not believe it. For as the lightening comes from the east and flashes in the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.” (23:3-28)

As usual, we have texts concerning tremendous events, whose vagueness is bewildering, and the Christian disputation concerning them is extreme. This is because of the distortion of emendations and omissions, yet despite this, there is only one possible, correct interpretation. The more the Jews and Christians –as we hope- use the free keys of symbolic interpretation which we have given them, the more they will discover the acceptable interpretations –on the condition that textual distortions are always a possibility. The key in this case, is the ‘Son of Man,’ who is Muhammad –Allah’s blessing and peace be upon him, who is mentioned in this page of the gospel for a clear purpose, which is to distinguish between him and between the Son of the Virgin, Jesus –peace be upon him. We already understand the abomination of desolation, so when it is established it will be the Son of Man who comes, in the form of his armies, not in person.

Thus, the subject is combination of what is found in the book of Daniel, and what is in the gospel. Kingdom will rise against kingdom, and the end of it will be the establishment of the kingdom of the Son of Man, whose armies will be summoned to destroy the abomination of desolation (the carcass). (Daniel 7:13,14) (Matthew 24:24-31)

The abomination of desolation is itself. Moreover, Daniel is specified by name in Matthew and Mark (13). Luke, however, explains the abomination in such a way as to support our interpretation:

“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.” (21:20) They all discuss the same topic, I doubt that even the fundamentalists would dispute that. In that case, what is Christ’s advice to those who live to see that time, the time of the establishment of the abomination of desolation? He most clearly warns against false christs in the first part of his speech and in the last part, and he warns against being deceived by their claim that Christ has come or is present here or there. He strongly warns against remaining among unclean ones, emphasizing that one must quickly flee from among them because of Allah’s painful chastisement of them at the hands of the armies of the other messiah, the son of man, not the son of the virgin, whose armies will attack the unclean, decaying Zionist state like eagles attacking unclean, decaying carrion.

It is great advice, and as clear as the sun, but do people like Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, or Jimmy Swaggart understand it? And will the chosen people (the Islamic community) listen so that they will not fall into error like the Jews and Christians? Perhaps the fundamentalists will debate the interpretation of this text as usual saying that the Son of Man is a heavenly personality. That may be, but what do they say about Christ’s advice when the abomination is set up? Is it in harmony with the great commotion and clamor they create out of their joy and happiness over the establishment of the abomination of desolation, their announcement to the world that its establishment heralds the coming of Christ, their encouragement to their followers to visit and make pilgrimage to it so that they will be there when he suddenly comes, and the strong pressure they put on America and the rest of the world to support the state of the abomination and enmity?

Is this not a great contradiction and rejection of Christ’s advice?

Furthermore, do not all their gospels attribute the so-called killing of Christ and the plots against him to the Jews? Has any rational person heard of a community that venerates the killer of the prophet whom they worship, and fights those who love that prophet and believe in him? Does Christ not describe the Jews as broods of vipers, killers of the prophets, who worship to be seen of men, blind guides, and extortioners? It is enough for you to read the twenty-third chapter of Matthew. When will the millions of fundamentalists who follow these false christs wake up?

10. The Entire Bible Describes the Abomination

If the discussing the criminal characteristics and behavior of the Jews is anti-Semitic, as the Zionists claim, then the most anti-Semitic book on earth is the Bible itself. If we gather together all the curses which the churches pronounced upon the Jews, the narratives about them in world literature such as Shakespeare and Dickens, and asked all the poets of the Arab world to put together a compendium of defamatory poetry against them, if we gathered all that together in one volume, it would not equal or even close to what is found in the Old Testament. The problem is that most Jews do not read it, let alone the fundamentalist Christian madmen who love Israel. Even many of the Arabs and other peoples of the world know nothing about it.

The entire Old Testament -not only Daniel- describes the identity of the abomination in a space of many chapters, using every possible means of expression and exposition such as: parable, metaphor and allegory, in both great elaboration, and brevity.

As for the reprehensible attributes ascribed to them in the Bible, they are innumerable. They include every blameworthy behavior without exception. However, there is one attribute that is repeated like a refrain in every book of the Bible, much to the reader's astonishment. His astonishment only increases because of the fact that this attribute should be the last one used to describe a people who claim to be God's chosen based on this same book. This attribute is uncleanness or impurity. It is an uncleanness comprised of blood, barbarity and violence, accompanied by excuse-making and boasting, an uncleanness of the essence, which nothing can purify.

“ ‘For though you wash yourself with lye, and use much soap, yet your iniquity is marked before Me’, says the Lord God. ‘How can you say, “I am not polluted?” ’ ” (Jeremiah 2:22,23)

“Jerusalem has sinned gravely, therefore she has become vile (*niydah* meaning filthy, impure)”. (Lamentations 1:8)

“You have polluted the land with your harlotry and wickedness.”
(Jeremiah 3:2)

She commits adultery “under every green tree,” not with one person but many, she even commits adultery with “every stone and tree.” (Jeremiah 3:9)

“In your filthiness is lewdness. Because I have cleansed you, and you were not cleansed, you will not be cleansed of your filthiness anymore, till I have caused My fury to rest upon you.” (Ezekial 24:13)

“Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce.” (3:8)

The cause of this punishment is clearly repeated:

“The earth [or the land] is also defiled under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore the curse has devoured the earth.” (Isaiah 24:5,6)

These curse are recorded in Deuteronomy:

“But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

“Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country. Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.

“The Lord will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me.”

For twenty-four paragraphs the curses continue in unequalled terms, then he concludes by saying:

“All these curses shall come upon you and pursue you and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you. And they shall be upon you for a sign and a wonder, and on your descendents forever.” (28:15-46)

Just as this uncleanness is combined with a curse, so too is shame:

“As the thief is ashamed when he is found out, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they and their princes, and their priests, and their prophets.” (Jeremiah 2:26)

This uncleanness of Israel comes from above as well as from below. Isaiah says:

“I dwell in the midst of a people with unclean lips.” (6:5)

Even after their death and casting out from the Holy Land, uncleanness still clings to them, as Amos says:

“Your wife shall be a harlot in the city; your sons and daughters shall fall by the sword; your land shall be divided by survey line; you shall die in a defiled land; and Israel shall surely be led away captive from his own land.” (7:17)

Certainly they have surpassed most nations in history in abomination, lewdness, and oppression:

“The punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people [Jerusalem] is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, which was overthrown in a moment, with no hand to help her!” (Lamentations 4:6)

“Neither your sister Sodom nor her daughters have done as you and your daughters have done.” (Ezekial 16:48)

One of the worst sins is barbarity and bloodthirstiness, for that reason, Ezekial asks his Lord:

“Will you destroy all the remnant of the Israel in pouring out Your fury on Jerusalem?”

(Notice that he says ‘the remnant of Israel)

And His Lord replies:

“The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and the land is full of bloodshed, and the city is full of perversity.” (9:8,9)

In the Lamentations of Jeremiah, the barbarity and chaos of Zionism is depicted, as if he was describing the contemporary *intifadba*:

“Because of the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests, who shed in her midst the blood of the just. They wandered blind in the streets; they have defiled themselves with blood, so that no one would touch their garments. They cried out to them, ‘Go away, unclean! Go away, go away, do not touch us!’” (4:13-15)

Now listen to this phrase:

“Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard change his spots? Then may you also do good who are accustomed to evil...Therefore, I will uncover your skirts over your face, that your shame may appear. I have seen your adulteries, and your lustful neighings, the lewdness of your harlotry, your abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! Will you still not be made clean?” (Jeremiah 13:22,26,27)

It becomes commonplace to address them as does Isaiah:

“You sons of the sorceress, you offspring of the adulterer and the harlot! Whom do you ridicule? Against whom do you make a wide mouth and stick out the tongue? Are you not the children of transgression, offspring of falsehood?” (57:3,4)

According to Hosea, the Lord said:

“I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel: There is the harlotry of Ephraim; Israel is defiled.” (6:10)

In respect of our and our reader's time, and out of fear of the censor's scissors, we will not go overboard in enumerating these defilements and abominations, and we will suffice with Ezekial's description of the crimes of Jerusalem:

“ Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying: ‘Now son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? Yes, show her all her abominations! Then say, “Thus says the Lord God: “The city sheds blood in her own midst, that her time may come; and she makes idols within herself to defile herself. You have become guilty by the blood which you have shed, and have defiled yourself with the idols which you have made. You have caused your days to draw near, and have come to the end of your years; therefore I have made you a reproach to the nations, and a mockery to all countries. Those near and those far from you will mock you as infamous and full of tumult. Look, the princes of Israel; each one has used his power to shed blood in you. In you they have made light of father and mother; in your midst they have oppressed the stranger; in you they have mistreated the fatherless and the widow. You have despised My holy things and profaned My Sabbaths, In you are men who slander to cause bloodshed; in you are those who eat on the mountains; in your midst they commit lewdness. In you men uncover their fathers’ nakedness; in you they violate women who are set apart during their impurity. One commits abomination with his neighbor’s wife; another lewdly defiles his daughter-in-law; and another in you violates his sister, his father’s daughter. In you they take bribes to shed blood; you take usury and increase; you have made profit from your neighbors by extortion, and have forgotten Me,’ says the Lord God.”

“Behold, therefore, I beat My fists at the dishonest profit which you have made, and at the bloodshed which has been in your midst. Can your heart endure, or can your hands remain strong, in the days when I shall deal with you? I, the Lord, have spoken, and will do it. I will scatter you among the nations, disperse you throughout the countries, and remove your filthiness completely from you. You shall defile yourself in the sight of the nations; then you shall know that I am the Lord.””

“The word of the Lord came to me, saying, ‘Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to Me; they are all bronze, tin, iron, and lead, in the midst of a furnace; they have become dross from silver. Therefore thus says the Lord God: “Because you have all become dross, therefore behold, I will gather you in the midst of Jerusalem. As men gather silver, bronze, iron, lead, and tin into the midst of a furnace, to blow fire on it, to melt it; so I will gather you in My anger and in My fury, and I will leave you there and melt you. Yes, I will gather you and blow on you with the fire of My wrath, and you shall be melted in its midst. As silver is melted in the midst of a furnace, so shall you be melted in its midst; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have poured out My fury on you.”’”

“And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ‘Son of man, say to her: “You are a land that is not cleansed or rained on in the day of indignation. The conspiracy of her prophets in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured people; they have taken treasure and precious things, they have made many widows in her midst. Her priest have violated My law and profaned My holy things; they have not distinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known the difference between the unclean and the clean; and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them. Her princes in her midst are like wolves tearing the prey, to shed blood, to destroy people, and to get dishonest gain. Her prophets plastered them with untempered mortar, seeing false visions, and divining lies for them, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord God,’ when the Lord had not spoken. The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger.”’” (Ezekial 22: 1-29)

Yes, they have used oppression against the people of the land, and pilfered their security, their comfort, their land, and their farms. Shall we continue with Ezekial’s detailing of the abominations of the abomination of desolation, or should we move on to discuss their punishment?

Answer: We must stop here, not because we have forsaken our promised brevity, but out of embarrassment for our reader, and fear of

the censor's scissors, because Ezekial goes on to tell us a parable about the abominations of Samaria and Jerusalem as two adulterous women whom he calls 'Oholah' and 'Oholibah,' whose two names are a literal allusion to them. The two stories are appropriate to the articles written in the American press about Jimmy Swaggart and other leaders of Christian Zionism with low moral standards, but they are not suited to our study and we are embarrassed too embarrassed to quote them here. I don't know whether religious Christians permit their boys and girls to such subjects (in the Bible!) or whether they read it alone while watching the type of movies which come on late-night television which are restricted for those under the age of eighteen?

As for the punishment of Oholah and her sister, there is no harm from quoting it here from Ezekial:

"For thus says the Lord God: 'Bring up an assembly against them, give them up to trouble and plunder The assembly shall stone them with stones and execute them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn their houses with fire. Thus, I will cause lewdness to cease from the land'" (23:46-48)

So congratulations to the stone-throwing youth who are stoning our modern-day Oholah and Oholibah! As for the swords and fire, that too will soon encompass them –Allah willing. The next chapter will elaborate on that which has received brief mention here.

11. Judgment not Reconciliation

Zionists –Jewish and Christian- believe that the gathering of the remnant of Israel in the land of Palestine, is the fulfillment of God's promise of reconciliation between Him and His chosen people. For this reason, he gave them victory over the Arabs, and blesses whomever blesses them, and curses whomever curses them.

The fact is, that the Bible does summon the Jews to reconciliation with the Lord, but by doing what? It is a summons to repentance and to abandon their rejection of Allah and His messengers, to give up worshipping of other besides Allah, to observe Allah's commandments, to care for the poor and orphans, and to be kind to all people.

This is what we clearly find in most of the books of the Bible, and along with it comes a severe warning to them if they disobey and break the covenant. There is no fundamental connection with this and the prophecies and events of the latter days. Rather, it is a universal summons to repentance and faith, to individuals and groups in all places and times. As for the gathering of the wicked remnant after their expulsion, and their return to the Holy Land so that Allah's wrath may descend upon them, the prophecies concerning it are clear and particular. Because of the innumerable texts, and their explicitness, it is best to simply quote examples without attempting to be all-inclusive. We will begin with those that the Zionists themselves use to support their beliefs:

Ezekial says:

“Thus, says the Lord God: ‘Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be a king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again.’” (37:21,22)

This may be the strongest and clearest evidence for Zionism. Alright, then let's finish what Ezekial has to say, and read the remainder of the paragraph;

“They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God. David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them.” (37:23,24)

Doubtlessly the mention of ‘David’ here negates any possibility that it means the modern Zionist state, even Ezekial himself lived after David. Because of this we have every right to say that the text has been tampered with, but the Zionists interpret it as being symbolic of the State of Israel. Let us agree for the sake of argument, and then ask: “Is this a conditional or an unconditional promise? Do they not till our own day reject the prophethood of Jesus and Muhammad –may Allah’s blessing and peace be upon them- as well as the one Faith which they both taught (Islam)? If we grant that the text refers to the laws of the Torah, then where are the Israelis in relation to its observance?

The State of Israel is one of the worst areas in the world for indecency, irreligion and crime. It competes with America in gambling, homosexuality, usury, and the commission of all the mortal sins. Its founders were atheistic socialists, and leaders of criminal terrorist gangs. All of the ten commandments of Moses are openly flouted. The only part of the Bible they hold to is that they are the God’s chosen people and the seed of Abraham.

Therefore, let us do a little research into the true status of this state which is established by the remnant of the children of Israel, as is described as clear as day in prophetic books, and let us begin with

summary which the publishers of the Bible provide to explain the word 'remnant' when it occurs in Isaiah:

"Israel will be punished because of its treachery, but because God loves His people, there will be a small remnant spared from the sword the annihilators."

He then refers to many passages and continues:

"This remnant will continue in Jerusalem and be purified, and become a trustworthy and powerful nation! After the catastrophe of 587 B.C. (meaning the captivity) a new idea appeared, which is that the remnant would exist among the exiles, and would repent in the Diaspora (he then mentions his sources). Then God will gather them to bring to life the Messianic Kingdom (he mentions more sources). Then, after their return from exile, the remnant will once again become untrustworthy, and will be cleansed by the extermination of a portion of them..."

This is the general idea by which the fundamentalists claim that the Messianic Kingdom is represented by the establishment of the State of Israel to which the Messiah will come. As for its becoming untrustworthy, and its being cleansed by the extermination of a portion from among them, they pass over it as if it were not there!

As for the powerful nation, they themselves mention only three pages later that Allah will produce a powerful nation to carry out His vengeance against the children of Israel. Thus, it is that nation which will exterminate that portion upon which is the divine wrath and destruction. Therefore, the means of divine vengeance is the powerful, purified, and trustworthy nation.

We will lead them to the true reading of the prophecies concerning this remnant, and enter the texts into the discussion:

- 1) This remnant has no covenant with Allah, since Allah has no permanent covenant with anybody, unless they are steadfast in piety and obedience :

“And when the Lord of Abraham tried him with certain commands and he fulfilled them. He said, ‘Verily, I shall make you a leader for mankind’ He asked, ‘And also my descendents?’ He answered: ‘My covenant includes not the evildoers.’”

The history of the children of Israel is a continual cycle of belief and unbelief. It is distinguished from the history of other nations only by grossness of their unbelief which is made even worse by the large number of prophets sent to them, Allah’s continual patience with them, and His blessings upon them so that they might repent.

The period of the judges –who were the chiefs of the tribes- is only a stark example of this. This stage lasted from after Joshua, the servant of Moses, until the time of David. Again and again they violate their covenant and worship Baal, Ashoreth, Tamuz, and other abominations, even sacrificing their own children to them. Therefore, Allah warns them, and sends prophets to them. Some of them repent –as Allah wills- and then right away return to their idolatry and abominations. So Allah sends one of the neighboring nations to conquer them, and give them a taste of a most-evil chastisement. Thus, it is again and again!

This is the situation as described by II Kings:

“Yet the Lord testified against Israel and against Judah, by all of His prophets, every seer, saying, ‘Turn away from your evil ways, and keep My commandments and My statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets.’ Nevertheless, they would not hear, but stiffened their necks, like the necks of their fathers, who did not believe in the Lord their God. And they rejected His statutes and His covenant that He had made with their fathers, and His testimonies which He had testified against them;

they followed idols, became idolaters, and went after the nations who were all around them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them that they should not do like them.

“So they left all the commandments of the Lord their God, made for themselves a molded image and two calves, made a wooden image and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. And they caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and soothsaying... And the Lord rejected all the descendants of Israel, afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of plunderers, until He had cast them from His sight.” (17:13-17,20)

The surviving remnant is only allowed to remain as a trial and test, if it is true to its covenant then Allah keeps His covenant with them, but if it breaks the covenant, then Allah punishes them. Its survival is not because it is trustworthy and pure forever. Rather, this remnant survives to be a lesson for all nations, and a respite granted by Allah so that they might repent. Ezekial says after Allah commands him to prophecy against them of terrible destruction and death, and the cleansing of the land from their abominations:

“Yet I will leave a remnant, so that you may have some who escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered through the countries. Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations where they are carried captive, because I was crushed by their adulterous heart which has departed from Me, and by their eyes which play harlot after their idols; they will loathe themselves for the evils which they committed in all their abominations.” (6:8,9)

Jeremiah is even more frank than this; after predicting the destruction and punishment that they will endure, so that even their dead bodies are thrown out in the open so that the birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth may devour them, and so that even the bones of their kings and leaders will be dug up and spread out like garbage on the face of the earth, he then says:

“ ‘Then death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of those who remain of this evil family, who remain in all the places where I have driven them,’ says the Lord of Hosts.” (8:3)

As for those for those who will repent and turned back to Allah, they will be few. They are the ones who will embrace Islam and become the holy remnant, which will be discussed at the end of this chapter. That will be after Zionism loses the power on which it depends on for support, and will collapse, losing all its prestige and claims. Isaiah says, after mentioning the terrible fire that Allah will cause to overcome them:

“And it shall come to pass in that day that the remnant of Israel, and such as have escaped of the house of Jacob, will never again depend on him who defeated them, but will depend on the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the Mighty God. For though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea, a remnant of them will return.” (10:20-22)

This explains without the least doubt, that the Jews are not Allah’s sons and beloveds, but are merely humans whom He created. This is explicitly stated in Amos:

“ ‘Are you not like the people of Ethiopia to Me, O children of Israel?’ says the Lord. ‘Did I not bring up Israel from the land of Egypt, the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir? Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are on the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from the face of the earth; yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob,’ says the Lord. ‘For surely I will command, and will sift the house of Israel among all nations, as a grain is sifted in a sieve; yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground. All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, who say, “The calamity shall not overtake nor confront us.”’” (9:7-10)

We have learned that the sinful kingdom is the abomination of desolation. It will be destroyed except for those who embrace Islam, or flee. As for the remnant of the Jews throughout the world, they will be shaken and sifted.

- 2) This remnant has no right to the inheritance of Abraham. Ezekial says:

“Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: ‘Son of man, they who inhabit those ruins in the land of Israel are saying, “Abraham was only one, and he inherited the land. But we are many; the land has been given to us as a possession.” Therefore, say to them, “Thus says the Lord God: ‘You eat meat with blood, you lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood. Should you then possess the land? You rely on your sword, you commit abominations, and you defile one another’s wives. Should you then possess the land?’””

This is a message to the people of the abomination of desolation. Otherwise, this prophecy came at the time of the exile when the Jews had neither strength nor power, when it was their blood that was being shed. As for the modern-day abominations, every thing said here conforms to them.

For this reason, he says immediately after:

“Say thus to them, “Thus says the Lord God: “As I live, surely those who are in the ruins shall fall by the sword, and the one who is in the open field will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who are in the strongholds and caves shall die of pestilence. For I will make the land most desolate, her arrogant strength shall cease, and the mountains of Israel shall be so desolate that no one will pass through. Then they shall know that I am the Lord, when I have made the land most desolate because of their abominations which they have committed.”” (33:23-29)

He even rejects their descent from Abraham, which is the crux of their claim to his inheritance:

“Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations, and say, ‘Thus, says the Lord God to Jerusalem: “Your birth and your nativity are from the land of Canaan; your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.”’” (16:2,3)

After continuing in great detail about its uncleanness, adultery, and immorality, he then says:

“Indeed everyone who quotes proverbs will use this proverb against you: ‘Like mother, like daughter!’ You are your mother’s daughter, loathing husband and children; and you are the sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands and children; your mother was a Hittite and your father an Amorite. Your elder sister is Samaria, who dwells with her daughters to the north of you; and your younger sister, who dwells to the south of you, is Sodom and her daughters. You did not walk in their ways nor act according to their abominations; but, as if that were too little, you became more corrupt than they in all your ways. As I live,” says the Lord God, “neither your sister Sodom nor her daughters have done as you and your daughters have done.” (16:44-48)

Regardless of whether this is non-literal in the manner of Allah’s saying to Noah about his son, “He is not of your family,”³¹ or like Christ’s saying to them, “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do,”³² or whether it is literally true, their connection to Abraham has been severed.

³¹ Hud 11:45.

³² John 8:44.

What is beyond dispute, is that the Jews today are a strange mixture of the discards of many other peoples, except that most of them are of Kazar origin. Perhaps his calling them ‘Hittites’ was a reference to that, since the Hittites are a people of unknown origin who lived to the north of the Holy Land –in what is today, Turkey. It would not be farfetched if their original home was that of the Kazars, or that it is a reference to the direction from which most of the Jews would come from, especially, at the time of the establishment of the abomination of desolation, the State of Israel.

All of the trickery of the Zionists has failed to establish the Semitic origin of the Jews, and no authoritative researchers in the field of human ethnicity have been able to confirm it. How could they when the Jews include the Ethiopian Falashas, West Africans, Spaniards, Persians, Yemenis, and Eastern Europeans!

Because of this, Hosea³³ severs all connections between them and Allah and His messengers, when he symbolizes them as an adulterous woman who gives birth to a son, whom the Lord commands her to name Jezreel, the valley in which the battle of Armageddon will take place. Then she gives birth to a daughter and He commands her to name her Lo-Ruhamah (no mercy). Then she gives birth to another son, whom the Lord commands to be named Lo-Ammi (not my people). It is this last name which the Catholics and others use as a curse for the Jews. Therefore, their descent is false, their mother will receive no mercy, and their descendents are not Allah’s people.

- 3) Allah will return them to the Holy Land for judgment and punishment, not for reconciliation and reward:

Ezekial says:

“As I live,” says the Lord God, “surely with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will rule over you. I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out. And I will bring you into a wilderness of the

³³ 1:1-11.

peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face. Just as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you.” (20:33-36)

This is a reference to their punishment of wandering in the wilderness for forty-years, and the series of torments they received there. This is clarified by Zephaniah:

“Gather yourselves together, yes, gather yourselves together, O undesirable (or shameless) nation, before the decree is issued, or the day passes like chaff, before the Lord’s fierce anger comes upon you, before the day of the Lord’s fierce anger comes upon you!”

He then speaks to the oppressed people of Palestine:

“Seek the Lord, all you meek of the earth, who have upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden in the day of the Lord’s anger.” (2:1-3)

Thus, they gather together only so that the Lord’s anger can be poured out on them. At that time they will be cast out and driven away from the Holy Land like chaff in the wind, which carries it in every direction, and the pious and oppressed who adhered to Allah’s covenant will be saved.

But the fact that they will be driven out does not mean that they can escape. Some of them will seek refuge in their former countries or in other places, but most of them will end up as Ezekial says:

“Therefore thus says the Lord God: ‘Because you have all become dross to Me; therefore behold, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. As men gather silver, bronze, iron, lead, and tin in the midst of a furnace, to blow fire on it, to melt it; so I will gather you in

My anger and in My fury, and I will leave you there and melt you. Yes, I will gather you and blow on you with the fire of My wrath, and you shall be melted in its midst. As silver is melted in the midst of a furnace, so shall you be melted in its midst; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have poured out My fury on you.” (22:19-22)

This is what will happen on the Day of Wrath, which we will shortly discuss.

At this point there is a question: What will happen to the remnant of the children of Israel who will remain in the land after the Day of Wrath? What will be the fate of the Zionists after that day?

The prophecies describe the fate of the people of Israel when the Day of Wrath arrives, in the following manner:

Isaiah says that most of them will be exterminated and punished, except for a small number of them:

“Behold, the Lord makes the earth empty and makes it a waste, distorts its surface and scatters abroad its inhabitants. And it shall be: as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master...the earth is defiled under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell in it are desolate. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left.” (24:1,5,6)

Zechariah is more specific, he divides them into thirds:

“ ‘And it shall come to pass in all the land,’ says the Lord, ‘that two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, but one-third shall be left in it: I will bring the one-third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested.’” (13:8,9)

According to Ezekial:

“You shall burn with fire one-third...then you shall take one-third and strike around it with the sword, and one third you shall scatter to the wind.”

He then says:

“You shall also take a small number of them and bind them in the edge of your garment. Then take some of them again [the third which was scattered] and throw them into the midst of fire, and burn them in the fire. From there a fire will go out into all the house of Israel.” (5:2-4)

Zephaniah says concerning the surviving remnant in Jerusalem:

“I will leave in your midst a meek and humble people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord. The remnant of Israel shall do no unrighteousness and speak no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed their flocks and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid.” (3:12,13)

This faithful remnant is also described by Isaiah:

“Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant, the houses are without a man, the land is utterly desolate...but yet a tenth will be in it, and will return for the consuming, as a terebinth tree or as an oak, whose stump remains when it is cut down. So the holy seed shall be as a stump.” (6:11-13)

There is no dispute between us and the fundamentalists that the Jews of Israel today are unbelievers, none of them are pious or holy. However, the fundamentalists say that in accordance with these prophecies, the Jews will believe in Christ at the time of his Second Coming, so that the remnant will become holy.

But we say that when the Muslims take back Jerusalem and destroy the abomination, these prophecies will be fulfilled. Some of the Jews will be killed, some of them will flee and be scattered throughout the world, and some of them will remain and enter into our covenant of security³⁴ and be protected. No one will make them afraid. Some of them will submit themselves to Allah and be guided to Islam, and they will be the holy remnant.

Those Jews who flee and those who never came to Palestine in the first place will be another remnant, which will follow the Anti-Christ in the end times. At the time of Christ's Second Coming there will not be three thirds, but two halves: one half who will be killed along with the army of the Anti-Christ, and on half who will become Muslims with Jesus –peace be upon him- since according to the authentic Islamic prophecy, he will set aside the *jizya* and allow them to choose either Islam or the sword.

³⁴ As *abl al-dhimma* or *dhimmis* who agree to pay a tax (*jizya*) in exchange for their security and protection of their rights.

12. The Day of the Lord's Wrath

How will the Day of Allah's Wrath come, and how will the punishment befall Israel, the state of abomination, oppression and enmity? The prophecies clearly describe for us these matters:

- 1) The attributes of the victorious army.
- 2) The collapse of the Zionist forces.
- 3) The fate of the strategic ally of the Zionist state.

In every context, the cause of their punishment and destruction is repeated:

Worshipping others beside Allah, rejection of His messengers, rebellion against His commands, shedding of innocent blood, oppression, enmity, plotting, cheating, treachery, indecency, maltreatment of the poor and widows. Etc.

The beginning of the new era will be with the announcement of *jihad*, and it is our hope that this *intifadha* will be that beginning. But if it is not, it is doubtlessly a preparation for it. Therefore, *jihad* must be announced and all other slogans cease.

The editors of the Arabic edition of the Bible placed this title 'The New Era and the Day of the Lord' as the chapter heading for Joel's description of this great day, which begins by the summoning the army of Allah to *jihad*. Rather, the theme of the entire book of Joel is the incitement of people, most of whom possess neither aircraft nor heavy weapons, most of whom possess no steel other than their agricultural implements. Since most of them are poor people, who have tasted the fire of capitalist monopoly, Jewish usury, despotism and the American boycott, they are weak physically, and therefore they have some fear. The enemy is a strong nuclear power backed naturally, by the assembled powers of the world. Since that is the fact, the proclamation comes to shake off weakness and to prepare with determination:

"Prepare for war!

Wake up the mighty men,

Let the men of war draw near,
Let them come up.
Beat your plowshares into swords
And your pruning hooks into spears;
Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'
Assemble and come, all you nations,
And gather together all around.
Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O Lord."
(4:9-11)

Thus it is: *jihad* and trust in Allah, preparation to the best of our ability. It is futile for the enemies of Allah to compete with Him in weapons! *

As for Jeremiah, he encourages us to waste no time and destroy the nation of decadence and violence:

"Prepare war against her;
Arise, and let us go up at noon.
Woe to us, for the day goes away,
For the shadows of the evening are lengthening.
Arise, let us go by night,
And let us destroy her palaces."
For thus has the Lord of hosts said:
"Cut down trees,
And build a mound against Jerusalem.
This is the city to be punished.
She is full of oppression in her midst.

As a fountain wells up with water,
So she wells up with her wickedness.
Violence and plundering are heard in her.
Before Me continually are grief and wounds.” (6:4-7)

“Behold, a people comes from the north country,
And a great nation will be raised from the farthest parts of the
earth.

They will lay hold of bow and spear;
They are cruel and have no mercy;
Their voice roars like the sea;
And they ride horses,

As men of war set in array against you, O daughter of Zion.”
(6:22,23)

Since the pressing question is still: “Where is the undefeated army? Where is the army of desolation that is called the army of defense?” Isaiah answers unambiguously and finally that the Lord called to him:

“Now go, write it before them on a tablet,
And note it on a scroll,
That it may be for time to come,
Forever and ever:
Because you despise this word,
And trust in oppression and perversity,
And rely on them,
Therefore, this iniquity shall be to you

Like a breach ready to fall,
A bulge in a high wall,
Whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant.
And He shall break it like the breaking of the potter's vessel,
Which is broken to pieces;
He shall not spare.
So there shall not be found among its fragments
A shard to take fire from the hearth,
Or to take water from the cistern.
One thousand shall flee from the threat of one,
At the threat of five you shall flee,
Till you are left as a pole on top of a mountain
And as a banner on a hill.” (30:8,12-17)

This is confirmed by Amos:

“The end has come upon My people Israel;
I will not pass by them anymore.
And the songs of the temple
Shall be wailing in that day,”
Says the Lord God-
“Many dead bodies everywhere,
They shall be thrown out in silence.”
(8:2,3)

As for the attributes of the *mujahidin* and their courage, Joel says:

“Like the morning clouds spread over the mountains.
A people come, great and strong,
The like of whom has never been;
Nor will there ever be any such after them,
Even for many successive generations.
A fire devours before them,
And behind them a flame burns;
The land is like a Garden of Eden before them,
And behind them a desolate wilderness;
Surely nothing shall escape them.
Their appearance is like the appearance of horses;
And like swift steeds, so they run.
With a noise like chariots
Over mountains they leap,
Like a noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble,
Like a strong people set in battle array.
Before them the people writhe in pain;
All faces drained of color.
They run like mighty men,
They climb the wall like men of war;
Everyone marches in formation,
And they do not break ranks.
They do not push one another;
Everyone marches in his own column.
Though they lunge between the weapons,

They are not cut down.
They run to and fro in the city,
They run on the wall;
They climb into the houses,
They enter the windows like a thief.”
(2:2-9)

This is how Isaiah describes them:

“He will lift up a banner to the nations from afar,
And will whistle to them from the end of the earth;
Surely they will come with speed, swiftly.
No one will be weary or stumble among them,
No one will slumber or sleep;
Nor will the belt on their loins be broken;
Whose arrows are sharp,
And all their bows bent;
Their horses’ hooves will seem like flint,
And their wheels like a whirlwind.
“Their roaring will be like a lion,
They will roar like young lions;
Yes, they will roar
And lay hold of prey;
They will carry it away safely,
And no one will deliver.
In that day they will roar against them

Like a roaring of the sea.
And if one looks to the land,
Behold, darkness and sorrow;
And the light is darkened by the clouds.”
(5:26-30)

As for the Zionist prisoners of war, the Bible describes their fate:

“And the Lord will take you back to Egypt in ships, by the way of which I said to you, ‘You shall never see it again,’ And there you shall be offered for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one will buy you.”
(Deuteronomy 28:68)

This is explained by Jeremiah:

“Behold, I will plead My case against you, because you say, ‘I have not sinned.’ Why do you gad about so much to change your way? Also you shall be ashamed in Egypt as you were ashamed in Assyria.” (2:35,36)

“Is Israel a servant? Is he a homeborn slave? Why is he plundered? The young lions roared at him, and growled; they made his land waste; his cities burned, without inhabitant. Also the people of Noph [Egypt] and Tahanhes have broken the crown of your head.” (2:14-16)

Without doubt, the *mujabidin* will be from all the Islamic lands, but the shame and disgrace in Egypt has its reason, it was from there that they were brought out by Allah in the beginning, when He saved

them from slavery to Pharaoh, and now because of their apostasy – which the prophecies make plain again and again- they will be brought back there as slaves. But this time no one will want to buy them. Why? Because they are an abomination! They carry in their bodies the AIDS virus, and they carry in their hearts hatred and treachery. Nobody would want them, even as slaves!

On the other hand, as if at the signal of a trumpet, the Palestinian refugees return to their homes, and after the great battle is over the Muslims, especially those from Egypt and Iraq, are called to the Holy Land to visit its sanctuary and spend time in worship within its environs. Isaiah says:

“And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord will thresh, from the channel of the River [Euphrates] to the Brook of Egypt; and you will be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel. So it shall be in that day: the great trumpet will be blown; they will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyrian, and they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount of Jerusalem.” (27:12,13)

Iraq is mentioned because Allah has lifted the boycott which was exhausting and destroying them, and Egypt because they feel great shame because of Camp David.

As for the fate of the strategic ally, we previously indicated in our discussion of the prophecy of Daniel. There they and we agreed that the New Roman Empire is that ally. But because those who wrote about the prophecies before the establishment of the State of Israel interpreted the New Babylon as the old one, that is, that the prophecy had already been fulfilled, or that it is Rome the headquarters of the Catholic Church, and because those who have written since the establishment of the State of Abomination have ignored it and even claimed that the greatness and strength of America is by the grace of her support of Israel, the truth about the fate of this criminal ally has been lost.

Let us recall how the prophecies describe it and its fate:

1) Isaiah says to the State of Abomination:

“When you cry out, let your collection of (idols)³⁵ deliver you, but the wind will carry them all away, a breath will take them. But he who puts his trust in Me shall possess the land, and shall inherit My holy mountain.” (57:13)

He also mentions them saying:

When the Lord stretches out His hand, both he who helps will fall, and he who is helped will fall down; they will perish together. (31:3)

2) Jeremiah describes the New Babylon:

“How the hammer of the whole earth has been cut apart and broking! How Babylon has become a desolation among the nations! I have laid a snare for you; you have indeed been trapped, O Babylon, and you were not aware; you have been found and also caught, because you have contended against the Lord.” (50:23,24)

He also says about it:

“Repay her according to her work; according to all she has done, do to her; for she has been proud against the Lord...”

“Behold, I am against you, O most haughty one!” says the Lord God of hosts; “For you day has come, the time that I will punish you. The most proud shall stumble and fall, and no one will raise him up; I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it will devour all around him.” (50:29,31,32)

³⁵ The word ‘idols’ here is an interpolation of the English translators and is not found in the Hebrew text.

Among her attributes:

- a. She is “a golden cup in the Lord’s hand, that made all the earth drunk. The nations drank her wine; therefore the nations are deranged.” (51:7)
- b. She “dwells by many waters” and “abundant treasures.” (51:13)
- c. She is a mixture of many peoples, for that reason at the beginning of the Day of Allah’s Wrath they advise each other: “Forsake her, and let us go everyone to his own country; for her judgment reaches to heaven and is lifted up in the skies. (51:9)

- 3) Isaiah mentions that the punishment on the Day of Wrath will not be limited to the abomination alone:

“In that day the Lord with His severe sword, great and strong, will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, leviathan the twisted serpent; and He will slay the dragon [or reptile] that is in the sea.” (27:1)

The commentators debate its interpretation, but if one considers the establishment of the Abomination of Desolation finds that there are three serpents who set it up:

- 1) The fleeing serpent which gave the Balfour declaration to the Jewish gangs and then fled (Britain).
- 2) The twisted serpent which swallowed up the Holy Land, which is the State of Israel.
- 3) The dragon or the great reptile of the sea, which is America, since it is her fleets whose aircraft and weapons are used to terrorize Muslims.

This is further reinforced by the description of the Beast (chapter eight) and that it is given its power and kingdom by sea serpent.

The Protestant commentators –to which the fundamentalists belong- interpret Babylon as the Catholic Church in the latter days (that is, for several centuries preceding the coming of Christ), and they interpret the previously cited description of the New Babylon as the city of Rome, and predict its destruction.

In fact, these prophecies do not describe a city errant in its religious doctrines, but an empire astray in its arrogance, defiance against its Creator, and reliance on its strength and hegemony. For this reason, it is easy for us to prove the error of Bates in his commentary on the book of Revelation by citing the attributes of the New Babylon as he sums them up from Revelation:

- a) The great harlot sitting on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk by the wine of her fornication. (17:1,2)
- b) The waters on which the harlot sits are the peoples, tribes, nations and tongues. (p245)
- c) After its destruction the merchants of the world will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet...ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men. The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, and saying, ‘Alas, alas...in one hour she is made desolate.’” (18:11-19)

It is the nation of luxurious living, international business, and gigantic corporations. What does Rome have to do with this?

Then Revelations says:

“For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth.” (18:23,24)

Then, as Revelations says, all the people and the hosts of heaven will praise Allah saying:

“Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her.” (19:1,2)

So it isn't Rome but America, and its punishments according to the prophecies, are either divine ones such as winds and storms:

“How Babylon has become desolate among the nations! The sea has come up over Babylon; she is covered with the multitude of its waves. Her cities are a desolation, a dry land and a wilderness...” (Jeremiah 51:41-43)

(In Daniel and Matthew there will be earthquakes and plagues in the earth, and doubtlessly, Babylon will get the largest share of them), or human ones which will be sent by Allah:

“O you who dwell by many waters, abundant in treasures, your end has come, the measure of your covetousness. The Lord of Hosts has sworn by Himself: ‘Surely I will fill you with men, as with locusts, and they shall lift up a shout against you.’ He has made the earth by His power; He has established the world by His wisdom.” (Jeremiah 51:13-15)

What is the war cry that the army of Allah will sing after the total destruction of the abomination of desolation, and the great damage inflicted on America? It is a wonderful war cry told by Isaiah:

“Awake, awake!

Put on your strength, O Zion (Palestine, in other words);

Put on your beautiful garments,

O Jerusalem, the holy city!

For the uncircumcised and the unclean

Shall no longer come to you.

Shake yourself from the dust, arise;

Sit down, O Jerusalem!

Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck,

O captive daughter of Zion!” (51:1,2)

Allah will bless His faithful servants who rejoice in His victory saying:

“For then I will restore to the peoples (the gentiles or *ummiyun*) a pure language (not the impure language of Israel) that they may call on the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one accord (*shakem* literally shoulder, that is they worship shoulder to shoulder).” (Zephaniah 3:9)

Everybody, especially the Jews and Christians, knows that there is no religion other than Islam where the worshippers stand shoulder to shoulder like the bricks of a wall. They are also have the cleanest language since they do not curse Allah by saying that He has a son, or that He is ignorant, forgetful, or regretful –Highly Exalted is Allah above the sayings of the idolaters.

They shall ask: “When shall it be?” Say: “Perhaps it will be soon.”

The final, difficult question remains to be answered: when will the Day of Wrath come? When will Allah destroy the abomination of desolation? When will the chains of Jerusalem be broken, and its rights returned?

The answer has already been implied. When Daniel specified the period between its distress and relief, between the era of anguish and the era of blessing, he put it as forty-five years! We have already seen that he specified the time of the establishment of the abomination of desolation as the year 1967, which is what in fact occurred. Therefore, the end – or the beginning of the end - will be $1967 + 45 = 2012$, or in lunar years $1387 + 45 = 1433$.

This is what we hope will happen, but we do not declare it to be absolutely certain, but if the fundamentalists would like to bet with us, as Quraysh did with Abu Bakr concerning the Qur’anic prophecy concerning the Romans, then without doubt they will lose, although we cannot guarantee that it will be that exact year!

GLOSSARY OF ISLAMIC TERMS

- Ahadeeth (*Hadith*):** report on the sayings and actions of the Prophet ﷺ
- Ahl-Sunnah wal-Jammah:** those who follow the authentic *Sunnah* of the Prophet ﷺ according to the understanding of the Companions of the Prophet.
- Alim:** scholar or man of knowledge
- Amir:** leader, commander
- Amir ul Mu'mineen:** leader of the believers, the Caliph
- Ansar:** one of the Companions of the Prophet ﷺ from the inhabitants of Madinah, who received and hosted the Muslim immigrants from Makkah.
- Aqeedah:** belief
- Bid'ah:** innovation in religion, any act or practice not found in the Qur'an or in the *Sunnah* of the Prophet ﷺ
- Da'wah:** preaching, inviting, propagating, calling
- Da'yee:** propagator, one who performs *da'wah*
- Dar al-Harb:** land of war, i.e. enemy territory, any territory that is not ruled by the *Shari'ah* of Allah, any authority that is at war with the Islamic state or the Muslim *Ummah*
- Dar al-Islam:** land of Islam, any territory that is ruled by the *Shari'ah*
- Deen:** religion
- Fay':** war booty that was gained without fighting
- Fard:** compulsory, obligatory duty
- Fard al-Ayn:** greatest degree of obligation, compulsory on every Muslim, such as five daily prayers, *Hajj*, fasting in *Ramadhan* etc.
- Fard Kifayah:** initially compulsory, but voluntary upon fulfilment of specific conditions, i.e. funeral prayer (*Jana'zah*)
- Fatwah:** legal ruling
- Fiqh:** Islamic jurisprudence
- Fitnah:** trial, tribulation, temptation, mischief, strife
- Hajj:** the pilgrimage to Allah's House, the fifth pillar of Islam
- Haram:** forbidden according to the *Shari'ah*
- Hijrah:** emigration in the cause of Allah Almighty
- Iman:** belief, faith and action linked to this
- Jannat al-Firdaus:** highest part of Paradise
- Jama'ah:** group, gathering, community
- Jihad:** striving, exhorting, fighting in the Way of Allah Almighty
- Jahilliyah (*Jahilli*):** pre-Islamic ignorance, disregard for divine precepts

Jizyah: head tax imposed by Islam on non-Muslims living under the protection of an Islamic state

Kafir: disbeliever, infidel, non-Muslim, anyone who does not believe in Islam

Khalifah: successor, representative of the Prophet T, head of the Islamic state

Kuffar: plural of *Kafir*

Mujahideen: those who perform and wage *Jihad*

Qazw: linguistically refers to 'pursuit'. It is used in Islamic terminology to refer to pursuing the enemy in order to fight him.

Qulool: is taking from the booty before it is distributed among the soldiers.

Mushrikeen: polytheists, pagans, idolaters, people who practice *Shirk*

Rak'ah: unit of prayer

Ribaat: Is the stationing in a land bordering the enemy for the purpose of Jihad. The land of *Ribaat* is a land that is under threat of attack by the enemies of Islam. The one who is stationed in *Ribaat* is called a *Murabit*.

Saheeh: correct, certified: highest ranking of authenticity in *Hadith* classification

as-Sahwah: Islamic awakening, revival

Sahabah: companions of the Prophet T

Salb: is the personal arms and equipment found on a dead enemy soldier. It includes everything found with a soldier.

Salaf: pious predecessors, pious people of the first three generations of Islam

Shari'ah: Islamic law

Shaheed: martyr in the cause of Allah Almighty

Shaytan: Satan

Shaykh: elder, scholar

Shirk: associating partners with Allah, worship of false gods/idols

Shuhadah: plural of *Shaheed*

Sunnah: legal ways, practices, orders, acts of worship and statements of the Prophet T that are a model followed by Muslims

Taghout: false deities, people who arrogate for themselves godhead and lordship, leaders calling to establish non-Islamic orders etc.

Tahajjud: voluntary night prayer, usually prayed at the last third of night

Taqwa: fear or consciousness of Allah, piety, devoutness, religiousness

Tafseer: commentary, explanation, exegesis, interpretation of the Qur'an

Tawheed: monotheism, belief in the unity of Allah Almighty

Ta'zeer: a punishment usually less than 10 lashes

Ulama: scholars, plural of *Alim*

Ummah: the entire community of Muslims

Zakah: compulsory tax of 2.5% per annum paid by Muslims

Zuhd: piety